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Missing American airman and son found alive

ANKARA (AP) - A U.S. Air Force pilot and his 10-year-old son who disappeared while skiing were found alive Tuesday, surviving nine days in freezing wilderness by holing up in a cave and eating snow. Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Ronald Couillard, 37, and his youngest son, Matthew, were last seen Jan. 15 on a ski lift at the northern Turkish resort of Kartalkaya, 110 kilmmetres from Ankara, where the officer is assigned. Mustafa Karslioglu, chief physician at Bolu state hospital where the pair were first taken, said both father and son were conscious but their feet were swollen from frostbite. "The boy's condition appears more serious with his right leg being swollen from the knee down," he added. Guner Ozmen, acting chief nf narinnal security, said Col. Conillard and his son spent eight days in a cave after losing their way in a blizzard. The cave was some five kilnmetres from the ski resort. Then Col. Couillard went in search of help, walking about a kilometre until he found an unheated cottage in a state-forestry camp in Aladag Valley. After a day in the cottage, forest workers found the pilm, who then led rescuers to his son, Dr. Ozmen



Netanyahu wants army to attack militants

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The leader of Israel's right-wing opposition on Tuesday called for a freer hand for the army so it could strike at militants in their nwn bases. Benjamin Netanyahu, head of the Likud Party, told parliament: "We must give back the Israeli army its freedom of manocuvre, and announce that there will not be any new safe havens in Judea and Samaria (West Bank) like in Gaza "Then we must attack terrorists inside their own bases." The opposition leader added that "we must give Palestinians autonomy, but in no case a state." All of Israel's right-wing parties called fir a suspension of autonomy tall, with the Palestinians after militans killed 19 people in a double suicide bombing near the Israeli coastal resort of Netanya nn Sunday. Mr. Netanyahu was speaking during a debate on a vote of censure of the government, following its partial freezing of Jewish settlement building around Jerusalem. The motion, brought by the right-wing, was rejected by 61 votes in 53, with six abstentions. The ultra-orthodox Jewish party Shass, which normally supports the ruling coalitinn, voted against the government.

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King honours S. Korean envoy

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein oo Tuesday conferred on North Korea's Ambassador to Jordan Gung Sok Ung the Jordanian Independence Medal of the First Order on the occasion on the amhassador's end of duty in Jordan. The medal was presented to the outgoing ambassador by Nayef Al Hadid, the Foreign Ministry's secretary general, at a lunch given in his bon-

Jerusalem settlers defy government

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — The heads of settlements around Jerusalem threw down the gauntlet to the government on Tuesday setting up a forum to boost construction. The move was announced as a direct chal-lenge to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wbo on Sunday set up a special ministerial committee to control new building in "greater Jeru-salem." Local anthority chiefs from Jerusalem and the settlements of Maale Adumim, Givat Zee, Gusb Etzion, Efrat and Betar met Tnesday in the Holy City and announced "cooperative efforts aimed at fighting to maintain the momentum in construction and development of the entire area."

Prince Sultan hails talks with Yemenis

RIYADH (AFP) — Saudi Arabia has bailed talks with Yemeni officials aimed at settling a border dispute, saying they are being conducted in a "fraternal" spirit. Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz, quoted by the official news agency SPA, told the Saudi cabinet Tuesday the talks "are taking place in a fraternal spirit with the aim of reaching a joint approach to all the ontstanding problems between the two countries." The Yemeni delegation led by Parliamentary Speaker Sheikh Abdul-lah Al Ahmar has been in Riyadb since Sunday. Sbeikh Al Ahmar told AFP two countries had agreed to set up a joint committee to outline an accord to settle the 60-year-old dispute and discuss ways to develop Saodi-

7 sentenced to death in Algeria

ALGIERS (AFP) - An Algerian court on Tuesday banded down death sentences against seven people, six of them still on the run, for the October 1993 abduction of three French consular officials. The special court also banded down jail terms against other defendants, including one life term, another of 20 years, two of eight years, one of three and another of six months. Five people were acquitted. The only defendant sentenced to death to be in court was Mohammad Ait Bellouk, a Moroccan accused of having driven the vehicle used in the kidnap. His mother, Fatma-Zohra, accused of having kept watch over Michele Theyenot, one of the consular official kidnapped, was banded a six-month prison sentence.

irag to return **Kuwaiti** property

KUWAIT (AP) — Iraq wili resume next month returning Kuwaiti possessions taken during its seven-month occupation of the emirate, the Knwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Tuesday. It quoted Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen, a Foreign Ministry under-secretary, as saying a senior United Nations official informed him of Iraq's decision Monday.

Visit

Arafat visits Jordan today; accords ready for signing

Understanding on Jerusalem, Agreements seen to herald mutual needs clear the air

By Ghadeer Taher Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrives here today amid high hnpes that his talks with His Majesty King Hussein will put an end to a long period of ten-sion and suspicion that characterised Jordan-Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) relations amid the intricacies of Middle East

peacemaking. A joint Jordanian-Palestinian ministerial team laid the groundwork for the visit of Mr. Arafat, who is expected to sign a muchdelayed, wide-ranging memorandum of understanding and cooperation, with Jordan.

Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti told journalists on the eve of Mr. Arafat's visit that the agreement represents "a general framework organising bilateral relations in addition to protocols to be put io place by experts." (Continued on page 7)

'No Palestinian passport for Jordanians'

JORDAN said Tuesday it would not allow Jordanians to carry Palestinian passports unless the Arah League removes a ban on dual Arab nationality.

A Jordanian official involved in the Jordanian-Palestinian negotiations said the subject was not on the agenda of the talks but that the issue was brought up informally by ministers of the Palestinian Nanonal Authority on the sidelines of the negotiations.
The Jordanian position is

to abide to the resolutions of the Arab League which do not permit dual Arab nationalities," said the official. "But if there is any other proposal, it should be submitted through the Arab (Continued on page 7)

well-founded relationship

By Lamís K. Andoni Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN AND the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) have reached a historic agreement to formulate a joint strategy that involves close and constant coordination in the Middle East peace process and cooperanon in all fields.

The preamble for the general agreement, however, falls short of defining a future framework for the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship although it implies that the immediate aim is to support the Palestinian quest for independence and sovereignty. The document, yet to be

officially ratified, is the first political bilateral agreement since 1983 that does not define the establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation as the future goal for joint cooperation.

The documents leaked so far involve monetary and banking agreements and indicate, however, that the door

is left npen for future nptions on forms of hilateral rela-

The accords, especially the economic part, draws the line between two separate entities and if implemented and developed could lay the ground for a future form of unity as the agreements involve a high level of integration in all

As it is, the theme of the accords, at least the political preamble, is consistent with the repeatedly declared Jordanian position not to predefine a future form of hilateral relations.

His Majesty King Hussein bas said on different occasions that Jordan refused to commit itself to a federation or confederation before the Palestinians are free from Israeli occupation and can have a say about their future. According to Jordanian officials, it is unrealistic and

impossible to predetermine

the form of the future rela-

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U.S. freezes assets of 12 Middle East groups

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - President Bill Clinton on Tuesday froze the U.S. assets of 12 organisations and 18 people suspected of trying to destroy the Middle East peace process.

The groups targened in-clude Islamic Jihad, the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, Hizbollah, the Palestine Liberation Front, and Kach, an extremist Jewisb group, said White House spokesman Michael McCurry

in releasing a partial list.
Mr. Clinton issued the executive order late Monday, a day after one of the deadliest bomb attacks in Israel, Islamic Jihad, which opposes the Arab-Israeli peace process, claimed responsibility for the

The presidential directive. which took effect at midnight (0500 GMT) Tuesday, also stops U.S. financial transactions and aims at restricting the ability of suspected groups an individuals from getting charitable donations from U.S. sources, he said.

Mr. McCurry said that Mr. Clinton was to unveil in his state of the union address late Tuesday "a comprehensive anniterrorist package" which he will soon introduce in Congress.

Mr. Clinton had joined other world leaders in condemning Sunday's bombing near Netanya, which killed 19 people, including 18 Jewish soldiers.

Sunday he called the perpetrators "enemies of peace" and expressed the White House's fear that continued violence in the Middle East will undermine efforts to achieve peace between Israel and the Arabs.

Mr. McCurry said of the executive order's list: "We have reason to believe they are specifically involved in an effort to disrupt and destroy the peace process" by sup-porting or participating in terrorist activities." He characterised the orga-

nisations and people on the list, all foreigners, as "the usual suspects." The directive, issued under

the International Economic Powers ACT, was to be published in the Federal Register later Tuesday.
The Treasury Department

was notifying hanks of accounts believed to be connected to the suspects, he

ber 1991, it said. Jordan, the King underlined, will also do its utmost at various levels to achieve better conditions for the peoples of the region which have

over decades suffered be-

cause of conflicts and the

absence of security and sta-

King returns from Oman after

reaffirming pledge for peace

which launched the Middle

East peace process in Octo-

King Hussein met with Sul-tan Qaboos in Zamayem in The two leaders discussed Jordanian-Omani relations and stressed the importance the presence of seninr Jordaof bolstering them in all

King Hussein briefed Sul-tan Qaboos on Jordan's fields. They also called for suppriorities after it signed the porting efforts exerted to Oct. 26 peace treaty with mend Arab fences and unify Israel and stressed that the Arab stands on various re-Kingdom would focus on gional and international building a bener future for its issues to serve the interests of the Arab Nation.

coming generations, the Jor-dan News Agency, Petra, The meeting was attended on the Jordanian side by the The King emphasised that Jordan would continue to exdelegation accompanying the King, which included His ert efforts to achieve a com-Royal Highness Prince Ali Ben Al Hussein, Royal Court prehensive, just and lasting Chief Marwan Al Qasem, peace in the region in accordance with the principles of Chief Chamberlain Prince the Madrid conference, Ra'd Ben Zeid, the King's

military advisor Major General Hmeidi Al Fayez and the Jordanian ambassador in Muscat.

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On the Omani side, the meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs Qais Ben Abdul Mun'em Al Zawawi, Omani Royal Court Minister Seif Ben Hamad, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Ben Alawi and Information Minister Abdul Aziz Rawwas.

"By signing the (Oct. 26) treaty with Israel, Jordan regained all its rights, and Jordanian land and water have been restored."

"We now face a new stage which we hope will be one of good and development for Jordan and for all Arab brethren.

Jordan, he said, "will work incessantly by all means that can lead to the end of the state of no-war, no-peace from which the Arab World

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Arab and Israeli

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty

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Tuesday after talks with Sul-

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leaders to meet in Paris

PARIS (Agencies) — His Royal Highnesss Crown Prince Hassan, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa will meet in Paris on Feb. 18, conference organisers said on Tues-

Along with French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, the leaders will address the opening session of a privately organised conference on the future of the Mediterranean region after Israeli-Palestinian peace and will have opportunities for private talks, the organisers told a news conference.

The three-day session, organised by France's Radio Sbalom and TF1 television station and the Egyptian dai-ly Al Ahram, will provide an opportunity to discuss the way forward for the peace

Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat will arrive in Paris on Feb. 17 and stay in the same botel, Officials said. French Foreign Minister

Alain Joppe is involved in arranging several private meetings.
Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Morocco's King Hassan II will address the conference by video link.

The colloquium, entitled "The Mediterranean: After Peace What Future?", will be divided into three parts, devoted to strategic, economic and cultural and religious

aspects of the peace process.

French participants will include Foreign Minister Juppe, Defence Minister Francois Leotard, and Budge Minister Nicolas Sarkozy. The meeting will be formally opened by Prime Minister Balladur.

Libya urges end to ban after media revelations

TRIPOLI (Agencies) — Libya on Tuesday urged an immediate end to the U.N. sanctions, saying a Scottish report exonerated it from the December 1988 Lockerbie plane bombing that killed 270

people.
"Evidence is accumulating daily, exonerating Libya and the two Libyan" suspects, state-run Libyan radio said.

"Western allegations against the Great Jamhouriyah (Lihya) are collapsing, its innocence is being proven (..) the unjust mea-sures should be lifted immediately," it added. The Scottish Daily Record

said Tuesday that newly released U.S. intelligence documents implicated Iran, not Lihya in the explosion of the Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerhie, Scotland, alleging that an Iranian official commissioned the attack for \$10 million. The documents, dating

hack to 1991, said Tehran was seeking to avenge the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus with 290 penple on board over the Gulf in July 1988 by the U.S. naval forces, the paper said. (see page 2).
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rahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhima, for the Lockerbie bombing and have been seeking their extradition. Lihya has persistently claimed its innocence.

The U.N. Security Council imposed an air and arms embargo on Libya in April 1992 to force it to hand over the wanted men.

Tehran on Tuesday denied any links with the Lockerbie bombing, saying the allega-tions were a Western campaign to sully Iran's image, the official news agency IRNA said.

"Any claim that Iran is connected to the issue is baseless," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi told IRNA.

"These charges are part of the propaganda launched by the Zionists and certain Western circles 10 harm the image of the Islamic repub-lic." he said.

"By resorting to such tac-tics, the Zionists seek to distract world public opinion away from their acts of terrorism around the world andjustify their oppressive actions in the Middle East."

Mr. Mohammadi sald Iran was itself "a main victim of States bave blamed two Li-terrorism and condemns acts

OBITUARY

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Amman announces with deep grief the passing of the prominent Islamic per-

Engineer Mahdi Bazrakan

who had served as the first prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran following the victory of the Iranian Islamic Revolu-

Mr. Bazrakan passed away following a beart attack at the age of 88.

The embassy will open a special register for condolences on Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. and until 6 p.m.

Israel plans 'security' border after mass arrest TEL AVIV (Agencies) — nians on a final agreement Prime Minister Yitzbak that are set to start in May borders during the interim

Rabin unveiled plans Tues- 1996. day to build a border to separate Israelis and Palesti- wiogers who accused the govnians amid a crackdown on hardline Palestinians who kil-

led 19 in a suicide bombing. A committee will be appointed by the cabinet on Sunday to draw up a "separation plan" between Israel and the West Bank.

Last Sunday's bombing by Islamic Jihad was the fourtb suicide attack in Israel in the last 10 months and led Mr. Rabin to warn that "total separation" was the only way to halt the violence.

Mr. Rabin said be now wanted "to begin to give a concrete reality to the idea of

The body would be given np to two months to draw up what be called a "security border" for the five-year interim period of Palestinian

autonomy. It would not necessarily be the same as any political bor-der which might be agreed in

But he enraged right-

ernment of paving the way for an independent Palestine. "Rabin is preparing for the creation of a Palestinian

state," said Moshe Katz, head of the Likud parliamentary party.
The proposed fence would

reportedly take about one year to build and cost \$230 million. Mr. Rabin's cabinet first discussed the plan in an emergency session hours after the bombing. Mr. Rabin told army radio

that he expected that the plan

"to gradually carry out the separation" would take about two months to formulate. Economic issues such as Palestinian employment would be taken into account but "the security issue is the dominant one," Mr. Rabin

Asked if the plan was not really establishing a de facto border, Mr. Rabin answered stage that will not be the permanent borders when we achieve peace. Uri Dromi, bead of the

overnment press office, said the plan would create a physical barrier to keep most Palestinians out of Israel. Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres supported the proposal as a way to stop the bombings. "The idea of erecting a security barrier definitely appeals to me," he said. "I think we need physical separation so the terrorists won't come in." As part of Israel's counter

strike against militants, troops raided homes and hideouts late Monday and Tuesday and arrested more tban 60 activists in the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups, Palestinian reporters and Israel Radio said.

"We are waging an all-out war against Hamas," said Major General Ilan Biran, top military commander for the occupied territories.

(Continued on page 7) negotiations with the Palestithat "there can he security Jordan wants Israel to sign NPT: options depend on Arabs

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — Jordan supports the drive to have Israel sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) but bas not yet decided whether it will withdraw from the accord if Israel refuses to join it, a senior Jordanian official said Tues-

day.

The Kingdom's ambassador to the United Nations, Adnan Abu Odeh, told the Jordan Times the Kingdom's position would he decided after the Arab League Foreign Ministers' Council takes a decision on the treaty in

He said Jordan's position will "materialise" within the positions of the Arab League and the Non-Aligned Movement, which are similar in all but the Arabs' push to bave Israel sign the treaty.

Mr. Abu Odeb said the Arab League has entrusted a technical committee with studying the treaty and making recommendations to the Foreign Ministers' Council. The ambassador said Jordan believes Israel's acces-

sion to the NPT will support

the Arab-Israeli peace pro-



cess and will eventually lead to a goal supported by Israel which is creating a nucleararms-free zone in the Middle

He noted that the Oct. 26 Jordan-Israeli Peace treaty commits the two sides to work jointly towards the creation of a Middle East free. from weapons of mass des-

Article 7 of the treaty says the two sides will work towards "the creation of a Middle East free from weapons

of mass destruction, both conventional and nonconventional, in the context of a comprehensive, lasting and stable peace, characterised by the renuncianon of the use of force, reconciliation and good will."
Mr. Abu Odeh said the

Kingdom, which signed the NPT in 1968 and sent the ratification documents to the U.N. in 1970, has been consistent in demanding that the Jewish state sign it as demonstrated by its voting record in the U.N.

Israel, which, Western experts believe, has about 200 noclear warheads, has consistently refused to sign the NPT and bas never acknowledged possessing nuclear

weapons. Egypt, a key player in the Arab League, bas said it would not sign the NPT unless the Jewish state joins it or commits itself to doing so in the future. Egyptian President Husni Mubarak said Egypt will not budge oo these

The NPT is to be renewed in a meeting of the 169 signatories in New York in April

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Reports:U.S. document says Iranian financed Pan Am bombing

LONDON (AP) - U.S. intelligence officials believed a former Iranian ioterior minister paid \$10 million in cash and gold to finance the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 which killed 270 people, according to reports obtained by British newspapers.

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tified as Ayatollah Ali Akhar Mohtashami, was also founder of the Lehanese Hizbollah groop, the Times of London reported in their Tuesday

The report hy the supersecret U.S. National Security Agency, written during the Gulf war and declassified Monday, raises fresh questions about the U.S. and British account of the bombing over Lockerhie, Scotland, in December 1988, the Guardian newspaper wrote. The bomhing killed all 259 people on the New York-bound plane and 11 on the ground.

Western intelligence agencies initially were reported to believe Iran commissioned a Syrian-hased group, Ahmad Jihril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, to carry out the bombing after the United States accidentally shot down an Iranian airlioer in July 1988.

But after a long investiga-tion, that theory was side-lined and two Libyan intelligence officers, Abdul Basset Ali Al Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fimah, were charged by U.S. and British law enforcement officials with being behind the bombing. Lihya denies involvement and has refused to hand them over for trial, prompting U.N. sanctions against Libya.

The Guardian quoted the report as saying: "Mohtashami is closely connected with the Al Ahbas and Ahu Nidal terrorist groups ... he has recently paid \$10 million in cash and gold to these two organisations to carry out terrorist activities and was the one who paid the same amount to bomb Pan Am Flight 103 in retaliation for the U.S. shool down of the Iranian Airhus.

The Guardian said the report was declassified after a request under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act hy lawyers representing insurers of the now defunct Pan Am airline. The act allows the disclosure of many government documents.

documentary film, "The Mal-lese Double Cross," which challenges the official version of events. Produced by Allan Francovich and partly funded by Lihyan money, it was shown to the press, diplomats and families of the victims in a room at the British parliament last November after it

was banned from the London

Film Festival because of

American and British press-

The film asserts that the United States sought to cover up the previously alleged Syrian connection to the bombing. The reason, the film suggests, was partly because U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency officials may have known about plans for the bombing beforehand but did nothing to thwart them because the officials feared compromising their own con-

tacts with Palestinian groups. In 1989, the U.S. television network ABC quoted sources which it did not identify as saying that Mr. Mohtashami made the deal with Mr. Jibril to bring down Flight 103 and that the bomb was huilt by three men recruited by Mr.

Mr. Jihril publicly has denied any involvement with the bombing.

In Washington Monday, Pan Am lost a supreme court appeal of a jury's finding that it committed wilful misconduct in the bombing. The court made no comment in turning down the airline's argument that the trial judge wrongly excluded evidence that Pan Am officials thought they were complying with rules for inspecting airline baggage.

A Scottish newspaper, the Daily Record, said the United States knew of Iran's involvement more than four years ago, before Britain and the United States issued arrest warrants in 1991 for the two alleged Lihyao

Tough U.N. sanctions have been imposed oo Libya for refusing to hand over the men accused of being solely responsible for placing the bomh on the Boeing Jumbo

The Daily Record accused the United States of covering up details and added it was incooceivable Britain was not aware that the Lockerbie attack was revenge for the shooting down of an Iranian The report was theo airliner by the American obtained by the makers of a warship Vincennes in 1988.

Japan protests Qadhafi remarks on earthquake

TOKYO (Agencies) — Japan will formally protest remarks by Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi that the earthquake which killed more than 5,000 people was divine punishment' for Japan's ties to the United States, a Foreign Ministry official said Tuesday.

On Monday, Libya's official JANA news agency quoted Colonel Qadhafi as saying the Jan. 17 quake was "certainly and undountedly a divine punishment."

"Japan used to hurry to donate its resources for the benefit of the satanic resolutions of America against nations and against any nation that America decides to suffocate," Col. Qadhafi said. "Japan provided the hanging noose with its money and with its economic re-

sources." "Despite our compassion with the innocent victims of (earthquake) is absolutely God's revenge," the Libyan

leader said. "We were expecting it and we prayed to God to do this to Japan," he said. Foreign Ministry spokes-

man Terusuke Terada told a press conference that Japan would lodge a formal protest with the Libyan government through its emhassy in Tripo-

"Col. Qadhafi's statement severely hurts the relatives of the victims of the earthquake disaster and is grotesquely lacking in international common sense," Mr. Terada said. "We very much regret the statement.

Lihya has been under United Nations sanctions since 1992 for refusing to hand over two Lihyans suspected in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people the catastrophe...we say this

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Seminar debates women's development

BY Sa'eda Kilani

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - Representatives of different sectors and institutions in the Kiogdom and analysts on Tuesday discussed pressing problems facing development of women aod population growth as a follow-up to the Cairo conference oo opulation held in September.

But the heated debate was not over who is with or against women's rights, it was over the accuracy of the statistics and information giveo by the gov-

In a speech entitled "Population in Jordan: Neces-sities of Development, Actual Figures and a Future Outok," Musa Samha from the Jordan University presented an overall view of the changes that occurred in the last three decades in the social, econodecades in the social economic and poliocal fields.

According to Dr. Samha, foreigners represent 25 per cent of the labour force; there

has been an increase in the use of confraceptives that has "probably" reached 40 per cent at present and unemployment in 1992 was estimated at Participants in the one-day

seminar, which was organised by the Jordan Environment ciety in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Founda-tion, took a special interest in analysing these figures espe-cially concerning unemploy-ment. One participant ques-

Washington (USIA) —

Secretary of State Warren

Christopher has urged Syria

to stop providing safe haven

for "terrorist" groups in the wake of a bombing Jan. 22 in

Israel, the acting spokesman

of the State Department said.

Al least 19 people were

killed and more than 60 were

wounded when two bombs

exploded minutes apart at a

hus stop packed with Israeli

military personnel near Nor-

diva, in central Israel, The

Islamic Jihad has claimed re-

sponsibility for the bombings.

Shelly noted that President

Clinton issued "a very clear

statement in reaction to the

tragedy, condemning in the

strongest possible lerms the

act of terrorist violence and

calling upon those who have

chosen the path of peace to

condemn this act and to re-

double all of their efforts to

achieve a secure and lasting

Mr. Christopher tele-

phoned Syrian Foreign

Minister Farouk Al Sharaa

after learning of the attack.

"We've made very clear to the Syrians the need to cease

providing a safe haven for

terrorist groups." Ms. Shelly

cerned about the presence in

Syria of groups that engage in

terrorism, including the Isla-

mic Jihad." the acting

spokeswoman said. "The

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tioned the lecturer over the accuracy of such a figure (25 per cent'l since the "govern-ment's estimates show uneming women 'If participation countries in

ployment rates at 14 per cent." Another participant asked how unemployment, which was estimated at 25 per cent two years ago, could have dropped to 14 per cent at present while there are strong signs of an increase in unemployment.

Doubts are cast over all these estimates." Dr. Samha answered the queries. "Concerned authorities hide the real figures but the fact remains that the unemployment rate is quite high."
Another issue debated was

that of foreign labour in the the Jordanian mentality in terms of how parents choose for their children the kind of specialties they should take as their careers. "All parents want their childreo to become engineers and doctors and employ all means to do so," he said. "While

lordanian students are willing

to work abroad in restaurants

and cases, they would not do such a thing in their own coun-Almost alt parlicipants agreed on the need to upgrade the status of women bot stressed that policies should be independent of any foreign influence, In an opening speech. Walter Rudel, representing the Friedrich Naumaon

Damascus is one of the

reasons that Syria remains on

the U.S. terrorism list. We've

raised this matter repeatedly

with the Syrians and at the

The secretary also sent

messages to hoth Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Israeli Foreign

Minister Shimon Peres ex-

pressing his condolences and

horror over the terrorist

We have been in touch

attack, Ms. Shelly told repor-

with others in the region."

she said, including Chairman

Yasser Arafat of the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO). Mr. Arafat was urged

to do all in his power to

preempt and control the acti-

vities of those who carry out

these acts of terror and to

apprehend and punish the

perpetrators in areas under his authority," the acting

share the pain and anger that

the Israelis feel at this type of

event," she told questioners.

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ment, in a cabinet meeling

late Jan. 22, decided to carry

on their negotiations with the

secretary stated in their mes-

sages to Prime Minister

Rahin, we must continue the

peace process." Ms. Snelly

said. "To do otherwise would

hand the terrorist their

Drug dealers lead way in Israeli-Palestinian cooperation

"As the president and the

"It is a tragic incident. We

spokeswoman said.

highest levels," she said.

U.S. warns Syria over 'terrorists'

positive results the Cairo conference came up with regard-

the Cairo conference have not reached a general agreement (over certain issues) they have at least reached a consensus over the necessity to tackle population problems and give special attendon to womeo's issues," Mr. Rudel said.

As a result of the Cairo cooference, \$17 billion will be available during the remaining years of the century to improve the education and health pro-tection of women and children as well as the integration of women on all levels of public and economic life, he said.

"One important outcome of the Cairo conference was the concentration on bener education for women." be added.
"Well-educated women have a bener chance to find employ-meol and hold medium and senior positions that will (en-able) them to be more independeol. Working women de-cide for less children 10 give them better education and belter chances io life."
Minister of Municipal and
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This rate leads to an increase
in the number of persons under 15 years of age and to the concentration of a large oumber of the population in the cities," he said in his

speech delivered by Saleh

troying the hopes for peace is exactly what the terrorists are

move the process forward

and show those who wish to

destroy the peace process

that they cannot do that, that

they will not be successful,"

the acting spokeswoman said.

'That's also the signal that

the Israeli government, as

recently as last night, has

looks to the participants in

the Middle East peace pro-

cess to signal their intentions,

the United States will con-

tinue to facilitate contacts be-

tween the parties. "Certainly

we helieve that the cootacts

that we have helped to facili-

tate are an important part of

that process," Ms. Shelly said, but she declined to get

into a detailed discussion of

The acting spokeswoman declined to characterise the

Syrian side of the conversa-

tion between Mr. Christ-

opher and Mr. Sharaa. She

acknowledged she has not

personally seen any "public, official response on the part

of the Syrians. But that's

ohviously something we'll he interested in seeing." she

Pressed by reporters on the

issue of whether or not the

Palestinian authority headed

hy Mr. Arafat is doing

Ms. Shelly said statements

enough to curb "terrorists."

the contacts.

While the United States

given.

What we're trying to do is

seeking." she declared.

Sharea', director of the en-vironment department at the ministry. The minister said that peo-

ple should have the right to have as many children as they want. "This decision should be left to the family to decide upon its free will without the intervention of any official or non-official authorities," he

The final session comprised the four speakers of the One-day seminar, Dr. Samha from the University of Jordan and Hussein Shakhatreh from the Ministry of Planning, Aida Mutlaq from the University of Yarmouk and Secator Na ela While Ms. Rashdan stressed

on the need to eliminate discrimination in legislation as well as in practices. Dr. Mutlaq concentrated on eliminating discrimination between sexes in vocational training. She also said the country should draw new policies in all domains that would go hand in hand with its culture and traditions. Dr. Shakhatreh called for

the introduction of sex educatioo at schools pointing to some statistics that show between 80 and 90 per cent of meo have had sexual experi-ence before getting married.

"In the village where I grew up we used to talk about sex

and learn about it through improper means. Why are we against teaching it to our children in an appropriate man-ner?" he said.

issued in the aftermath of

incidents such as these are

that follow those statements

are even more important,"

she said. "Therefore, actions

that seek to apprehend and to

punish perpetrators in the

areas which fall under the

authority of the Palestinian

authority - that is also some-

thing which is very important

and which we track closely,

The acting spokeswoman pointed out that actions such

as the bomhings "can have

certainly an impact on public

perceptions and on the gener-

al atmosphere" in which the

peace process takes place,

but she declined to get into a

Asked if the time has ar-

rived to seek international

sanctions against Syria, Ms.

Shelly said the United States

feels that dealing with Syria's support for "terrorism" is

best handled in our bilateral

channels," noting that Mr.

Christopher and other senior

U.S. officials take up the

issue with the Syrians virtual-

ly every time they visit the

dialogue." she said. "We feel that's, at this point, the most

appropriate channel." The

fact that there are indications

that Syrian support for ter-

rorist groups continues "is a

acting spokeswoman said.

point of concern for us," the

"It's part of the ongoing

region.

long-term analysis.

she said.

But clearly the actions

certainly important.

Sheikh Isa says foreign elements behind unrest

MANAMA, Bahrain (Agencies) - The omir of Bahrain said in an interview published Tuesday that intervention by noighbouring countries had sparked Shirte Muslim rioting

in his country.

Making his first public comments on the disturbances which first erupted in December, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa stopped short of naming the neigh-bours allegedly behind the unrest.

But in the interview with the Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Ashraq Al Awsat he compared the Bahraini unrest to turmoil in Algeria and Egypt. which is widely blambed on Iranian-hacked Muslim fundamentalists. "There are foreign parties

that we all know, who stand behind the painful incidents that took place in Bahrain, Sheikh Isa said.

"Regrettably, we are not the only ones for there are foreign parties that also direct the regrettable incidents in some Arah countries such as Algeria, Egypt and others.

"There are some neigh-bouring countries that interfere in our affairs. We may not be able to change or choose our neighbours, hut this does not mean we will accept their interference in our internal affairs," he said.

'That is an issue which we cannot tolerate at all," Sheikh Isa added, without disclosing his options. Streel riots flared in

Bahrain for two weeks in December and erupted anew last week. They were the worst trouble to hit Bahrain since an abortive coup plot hlamed on Iran in 1981. Bahrain recalled its ambas-

sador from Tehran for consultations during the December unrest.

Bahraini authorities last week announced that they had deported an unspecified number of "infiltrators from abroad," accusing them of fomenting the unrest in mainly Shiite suburbs. The authorities gave no

oames for the deportees hut Sheikh Ali Salmao and two other Shiite clerics surfaced later in London, where they sought political asylum, according to their spokesman in the. British capital. They flew there from Dubai. Shiites, who are the pre-

dominant sect in Iran, make up an estimated 55 per cent of Bahrain's 500,000 population. The ruling Al Khalife family is from the Sunni sect. Sheikh Salman, a 29-year-

old preacher who was arrested briefly last summer for allegedly inciting unem-ployed young Shiites to demonstrate for jobs, was picked up again on Dec. 5 and charged with masterminding unrest to spread anarchy on the island. It was his arrest that trig-

gered the street rioting in which Bahraini opposition groups in exile claim as many as 10 people may have been

Authorities have listed only one fatality, and have complained of damage to public and private property. They have released two batches of 150 and 200 from those detained in the clashes. There will be trials for a number of those still detained.

By the count of the statements from the aothorities, there would still be at least 50 detained.

Exile opposition leaders have insisted that the unrest is not purely Shiite, but part of a wider campaign for the restoration of the parliament, which was dishanded 20 years ago, and for employment and an end to alleged homan rights abuses.

Bahrain may adopt sanctions against Lebanon if the activities of Bahraini opposition leaders in Beirut are not halted, the daily Al Hayat reported Tnesday, quoting officials in Manama, "A very limited number of

non-Lebanese living in Beirut are fuelling hostile activities in Bahrain," one unidentified official told Al Hayat from the Bahraini capital. "Bahrain is concerned over

the Lehanese authorities' failure to keep these people in check," he said,

Israeli U.N. envoy urges cutting of links with Iran

UNITED NATIONS (R) - international community is Israeli U.N. envoy Gad Yaacohi said on Monday the international community should cut all economic, arms and technology links with Iran in response to what he called Tehran's role in threatening many Middle East countries.

"Any direct or indirect support for Iran has to be stopped." he told reporters after sending a letter to Secretary-General Boutros Ghali giving details of a suicide bomhing on Sunday north of Tel Aviv which killed 19 Israelis and wounded more than 60. Mr. Yaacobi said the

bombing was carried out hy two Palestinian memhers of the militant Islamic Jihad movement from Gaza and that it would be ridiculous to say they were personally dis-patched by Iran.

But he added: "The question is: Who is supporting the Islamic Jihad... who is the supporter of those organisations, who is supplying them with finance, the arms, the training, who is encouraging them to do that?"

The Israeli envoy said: Any economic cooperation with Iran has to he stopped. Any supply of equipment, armaments, technology, has to be stopped, unless the passive about the role of Iran in threatening nol just Israel and the territories (Gaza and the West Bank) and the Palestinians and the peace process, bul countries like Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Moroceo, Jordan and others."

In his letter to the secretary-general, now abroad, Mr. Yaacohi said 110 Israelis had been killed in 49 attacks since the signing of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation accord in September. These attacks were com-

mitted by Islamic fundamentalist terrorists affiliated with organisations that receive support and guidance from certain states in the region.
"These, no less than the

perpetrators themselves, bear responsibility for the violence and should be held accountable," the letter added, without mentioning Iran or any other country hy name. Mr. Yaacobi, who also

scheduled a meening with Security Council President Emilio Cardenas of Argentina to discuss Sunday's bombing, called in his letter for "the entire international community to cooperate in combatting all forms of ter-

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Drug dealers from Israel and the Palestinian territories worked together long before the Israel-Palesninian autonomy accords, but the two sides' police officers still refuse 10 join forces 10 slamp out the illegal trade.

Moshe Rodrigue, head of Israel's drugs squad, 10ld AFP: "Israeli and Palestinian drugs traffickers worked logether for years before the peace accords" which launched Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho "There is no religious or

nationalist discrimination in

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thority's force in the fight against drugs. "Each torce operates with-

Traffickers from both sides had set up various points of sale and circulation for drugs at entrances to Arab East Jerusalem and inside the city. 'These points, called

Tahanout in Habrew, operated during the day and in the evening." Mr. Rodrigue said. In the past, the Israeli police arrested many soldiers who dealt in drugs from Lebanon, through networks which included both Israelis and Arabs, he said.

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where Jewish soldiers did not dare 10 follow. Colonel Jihril Rajouh,

Palestinian police chief in Jericho, also bemoaned the lack of cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian police" 10 stamp out drug-trafficking.

"Palestinian policemen work alone," Mr. Rajonb said. Israeli police "are scared of us," he said. Palestinians have repeatedly accused Israel of flooding the territories with drugs "10

destroy Palestinian society. But Mr. Rodrigue firmly denied the charges. Israeli police "have never turned a hlind eye to the traffic of drugs in the West Bank or

Gaza Strip." "We have never wanted to legalise this trade in any way and will not do so in the

future." the Israeli chief

"Drugs affect Israeli society as well as Palestinians," he said, deploring "the lack of cooperation from the Palestinians for political reasons." The Palesinian police

force was set up last May in line with the Israel-Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) declaration of principles, signed in Washington in September 1993. Israel is a consumer of

drugs and not a drugs-producing country, Mr. Rodrigue added. Most narcotics arrived in the Jewish state from Leha-

non and India, he said.
"What Israel does not consume is sent on to Europe."

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isigned to promote the role dwomen and increase their ancipation in public life. Addressing the meening. the Princess said that the women's committees in the gremorate have been creand to help women present ber demands to Parliament. The Princess suggested but the committees prepare griodic reports covering

Minister an plans for Je ERASH (Pelra) — Minister

#Water and Irrigation Saleh Isheidat Tuesday said minisly teams will start searching water resources and drillng artesian wells in Jerash. Sovemorate to help increase water supplies for residents. Speaking during an inspectour of the Jerash and ions, ior, irspenda अंते the ministry completed a sudy on a sewerage project for Souf town and Souf refiger camp, noting that the miject would cost ID 4.2

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representing Jerash Gov-Miffeh Ruheimi and Sulei-Nan Saad outlined the needs of the local citizens, particuarly the water shortage and

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AMMAN — Two people ded Monday in two sepa-rale incidents involving kerosene heaters, according to Civil Defence De-Paliment (CDD) and

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CDD reports said.

A CDD official told the Jordan Times that the victim, Salmeh Suleiman. lived alone in the tent.



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma pres- and women from local panels in Irbid

ides over a meeting of ministers, deputies Governorate (Petra photo)

Princess Basma discusses



Saleh Irsheidat

several problems encountered by sheep farmers. They also demanded that the ministry lay sewerage net-

works for Souf and Sakeb towns and Souf refugee Dr. Irsheidat also listened to the views of the director of the Water Department in Irbid Governorate, Ali

Oudah, and the director of the Jerasb Water Department, Abdul Hamid Abu

Earlier, the minister inspected two water projects in the neighbouring Ajloun Governorate.

'Addressing a meeting at the governor's office, Dr. Irsheidat repeated that the Kingdom was facing a growing shortage of water largely tion.

The water supplies available in Jordan are no longer sufficient to meet the needs of expanding agricultural and industrial development, and therefore, economising on water use has become a necessity, Dr. Irsheidat said. Referring to the Jordanian

-Israeli peace treaty, the minister said that although Jordan has secured its water rights, it is in no position to benefit from these rights because it lacks the sufficient number of dams and areas to store the additional amounts of water, but it is continually seeking to ensure water for the increasing agricultural and industrial projects via several available means.

Regent meets with Gaza commerce group

'Full preparation required for economic summit in Amman'

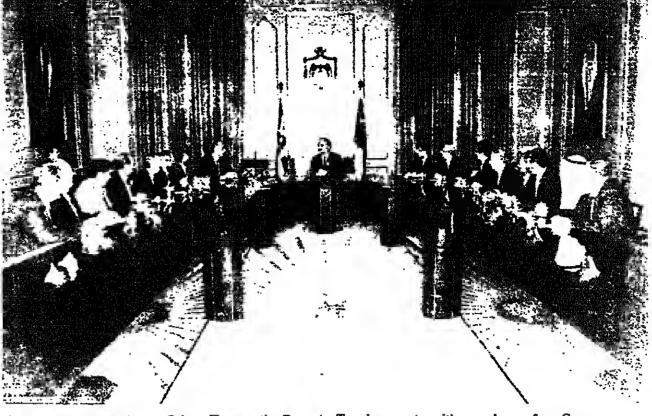
AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday reiterated Jordan's continuous support for the Palestinian people and urged more cooperation in the various areas of commerce.

Addressing a meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce responsible for commercial, industrial, and agricultural sectors in the Gaza Strip, the Crown Prince stressed the need for the Gaza chamber and Jordanian chambers to conclude agreements that would strengthen bridges of cooperation between the two sides at the regional and international

Referring to the next eco-nomic Middle Eastern summit to be held in Amman this year, Prince Hassan said ibat chambers on both sides sbould prepare for this important gathering, which will tackle investment, banking and infrastructure matters, in order to devise practical recommendations for submission to the coming confer-

Saying that the two sides should remain oprimistic because of the prospects of progress in the era of peace, the Crown Prince stressed the need for close and serious coordination between the two sides in matters of concern to their joint economic endeavours.

The Gaza chamber president, Mohammad Qudweh, conclude agreements on



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday meets with members of a Gazan chamber of commerce delegation (Petra photo)

said that the chamber deeply appreciates His Majesty King Hussein's stand in support of the Palestinian people and the facilities offered by Jordan to the Gaza Strip residents in all spheres.

Mr. Qudweh noted that his team's visit to Jordan, to mumal cooperation in economic, industrial and trade matters, reflects the chamber's desire to advance the strong ties between the two sides and safeguard their national inierests.

President of the Federation of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Haidar Murad,

who last week signed with Mr. Qudweh an agreement on prromoting investments and trade, said at the meeting

trade, economic and investment areas. Mr. Murad said that the

that the two sides have

agreed on measures to con-

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federation will send a ream soon on a visit to the Palestinian chambers to follow up on coordination, study ways to attract foreign investments and agree on topics that would be presented by the private sectors in the two countries to the Amman eco-

JBA to send team to Syria for economic, trade talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) announced Tuesday that it Minister announces water supply was sending a delegation to Damascus early next month to discuss means of stimulating economic, trade and investment relations between the private sectors in Syria and Jordan. The delegation, to be led by JBA Chairman Hamdi

Tabbaa, will take place in response to an invitation by the Syrian Chambers of Commerce and the Syrian Businessmen's Association, said a JBA statement.

At least 30 Jordanians from the trade, industry, banking consultancy, contracting and tourist offices will be among the members of the delegation which is expected to sign an agreement on the founding of a ioint Jordanian-Syrian business council to serve as a framework for mutual cooperation, the statement said.

The visit to Damascus comes close on the heels of a visit by Jordanian Businessmen to Iraq earlier this month when they discussed advancing economic and trade ties.

The JBA also said that it was making arrangements for



France and Denmark in the near future to discuss the implementation of agreements on joint business councils recently set up with the business communities in these countries.

A JBA statement said that talks with business communities in these countries will focus on tourism, economic and trade investments and the prospects of implementing joint ventures.

Apart from the three European countries, the JBA last year signed agreements for establishing joint business councils with Malaysia and JBA teams to visit Spain, Turkey, the statement said.

Legislation bureau studies 'stringent' draft traffic law

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - The Legislation Bureau at the Prime Ministry is studying the new draft traffic law presented by the Central Traffic Committee recently to amend some of the existing traffic rules in order curtail traffic accidents in the Kingdom, said a bureau official Tuesday.

The step follows His Majesty King Hussein's call on Jan. 11, for urgent action to end the chaos on the Kingdom's roads. The King had stressed that traffic problems will be one of the main priorities of the government's programme of reorganisarion.

"The new proposed law is one of our main priorities and we are conducting continuous meetings with the concerned traffic officials to examine the new proposed law," an official at the bureau said. He told the Jordan Times

that the office will study the legal aspects of the draft law, then if it is approved it will be presented to a ministerial committee for consideration and approval.
"Then the draft will be sent to the Cabinet and Parliament for approval," he We are trying to speed

up the process so that hopefully within the next few months the traffic law will be amended and put into effect," the official The draft law-stipulates that the fine for passing a red light will be JD 50 to

200, or 7 to 90 days in fail. The draft suggests three months to one year jail terms for violations such as fleeing the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated using forged num-bered plates and driving

In addition the proposed law suggests imposing higher fines up to JD 100 for wrongful overtaking. speeding and disposing lit-ter, oil, solid and other materials on the Kingdom's streets and highways.

with a suspended licence.

Moreover, repeated violations, death-related accidents and driving while intoxicated will lead to the suspension of driving licences, and jail terms in some cases.

Minister of Interior Salameh Hammad recently blamed motorists for the majority of road accidents and called for enacting new

legislation that would help reduce such accidents, including a point system for frequent violators.

Mr. Hammad also urged the Ministry of Public Works to correct danger-ous road junctions and improve the overall safety of

According to statistics re-leased by the Traffic De-partment, 12,516 people were injured in 26.837 road accidents in 1994. These accidents also claimed the lives of 443 people. Of these accidents.

were cases where pedestrians were run over by motorists. In those accidents alone, 192 people were killed, including 38 children between the ages of 5 and 10 and 60 children under the age of five.

The statistics also showed that 1,081,803 traffic citations were issued last

Failure to stop at stop signs represented 33 per cent of the total number of traffic violations with 357,367 citations, while vehicle inspections on the road resulted in the issuance of 144,744 citations, representing 13.4 per

cent of the total.

Fuel heater fires kill 2 women

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

JERASH (Petra) — Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh

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AMMAN - Two people died Monday in two separate incidents involving kerosene beaters, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) and In the first incident, a

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police that the heating unit was near the mattress where his mother was

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Also in Mafraq, a 45year-old bedouin woman died in a fire started when a lit kerosene heater fell inside her tent, police and

According to the report, the fire destroyed all the woman's belongings. Ms. Suleiman suffered second degree burns and died shortly after being brought to Mafraq Hospital.

The police report said that antopsies will be performed on both women to determine the cause of

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, two people were in comma and g people were listed in fair condition after inhaling carbon monoxide in Jabal Nadif in Amman, CDD reports said.

A CDD official told the Jordan Times that the IO family members went to sleep on Monday night and left a diesel heater lit in a

small room. The official said that a neighbour noticed smoke emitting from the windows and alerted the CDD.

All I0 people were rushed to Al Bashir Hospital. A hospital official told the Jordan Times that the two victims who are in comma are expected to survive, and that the rest of the family are expected to be discharged from hospital

Government may switch new pensions to SSC

By Ian Atalla Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The government is expected to move soon to curb a substantial source of public spending by switching pensions of new civil servants out of the government budget and into the Social Security Corporation (SSC). according to the director of the Ministry of Finance's Public Budget Department, Abdul Rahman Ailouni.

from public service, both

civilian and military, at JD

160 million. With another

"It is not certain, but personally, I believe the government will go that way," said Mr. Ajlouni.
The government's 1995 budget projects spending on pensions for retirees

320,000 people currently on government payrolls in various capacities, according to Mr. Ajlouni, the task of providing for current and future pensioners bas become an increasing chore for the treasury. "The government is suf-

fering from the pension bill," Mr. Ajlouni said. Besides this consideration, he added, if future civil servants had their pensions tied to the SSC instead of the government budget. they would bave more mobility to go into the private sector, without losing the years they bave spent in the government working

towards their pension." Currently the SSC, a public-sector company which began operations in 1980, covers pension allocations for approximately 280,000 workers in

9,200 different organisations, according to an SSC report issued earlier this month. The vast majority of those covered by the corporation, bowever, are private sector employees.

Mr. Ajlouni explicitly emphasised that "we will not force any civil servants" to look into private sector employment. According to the presi-dent of the Civil Service

Commission (CSC), Abdullah Ulayan, the CSC currently has 102,000 employment applications on file while job openings number only around 2,000 — over 60 per cent of which are for teaching posts with the Ministry of Education. Thus, the market for any new civil service jobs is "extremely tight, to say the least," Dr. Ulayan

Prominent economist Fahd Fanek, known for his staunch beliefs in fiscal conservatism, advocates one unified, governmentcontrolled pension fund.
"It would shake up the country's bureaucracy and be an excellent move," said Dr. Fanek.

If the decision were in his hands. Dr. Fanek said, "I would not only transfer new birees, but all of the existing civil service workforce to the SSC as well." SSC pensions are sup-

ported by subscription rates amounting to 15 per cent of an employee's salary, two-thirds of which is paid for by the employer and the rest is taken directly from the employee's salary. Thus, "the real cost of paying the pensions" would be accomplished in advance, as opposed to the current pension funding for civil servants via the government budget, Dr. Fanek

"Thus there would be no piting up of pension com-mitments in the national budget as there is at present. This commitment is taking on the level of a real national debt," Dr. Fanek

According to Dr. Ulayan, "recommenda-tions from international and regional institutions" support phasing pensions of new civil servants out of the government budget, and urge a freeze in giving any classified civil service contracts to new hirees "to prevent further inflation in the size of the civil service labour pool."

"The consideration of

the burden on the public treasury is important," said Dr. Ulayan. "But we should also pay attention 10 how civil service employees will themselves be affected."

Financial researcher Ahmad Nammari took a similar stance.

"If it would belp lighten the public debt, I would say that it is definitely not a mistake to switch the pension coverage over to the SSC. However, care should be taken to fully maintain any benefits and privileges which civil servants currently bave when such a move is made."

As for when the government would make such a move or not. Mr. Ailouni said that would happen as soon as the official civil service manning tables for 1995 are issued.

WHAT'S GOING ON

THIRD JORDANIAN DRAMA FESTIVAL

Two plays (in Arabic) entitled "The Goat Island" and "Coloured Rain" respectively at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

☆ Film entitled "Licence To Kill" at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

☆ Poetry recital by Marwan Hamdan, Ahmad Kanani, and Mohammad Zaki at the Phoenix Gallery for

Culture and Art at 6:30 p.m.

LECTURE

☆ Lecture (in Arabic) entitled "A Reading in the Literature of Travels" by Mr. Ziyad Al Hashemi at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

☆ Exhibition of Children's works (from Haya Centre

drawing and painting classes) at Goethe Institute. * Exhibition of works by Iraqi artist Fakhir Muhammad at the Ab'ad Art Gallery.

EMBASSY OF INDIA AMMAN REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

On the occasion of the Republic Day of India, a flag hoisting ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 26, 1995 at 10 a.m. at the premises of the Embassy of India, First Circle Jabal Amman (Opp. Malhas Hospital).

All Indians with their family members are cordially invited to attend the function.

Officers summoned for Pyongyang military rally

SEOUL, South Korea (Agencies) — North Korea has agreed to put 8,000 corroding rods of spent nuclear fuel in dry concrete as part of a new nuclear deal with the United States, a diplomatic source in Seoul said Tuesday.

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The South Korean source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agreement was made at six days of U.S.-North Korea talks that ended in Pyongyang Mon-

The fate of the 8,000 spent fuel rods that North Korea unilaterally removed from its experimental 5-megawatt nuclear reactor last May was a key issue of contention left after the Oct. 21 U.S.-North Korea nuclear deal.

Experts have warned that reprocessing of the 8,000 spent fuel rods, being kept temporarily in a cooling pond, could give the communist North enough weapons-grade plutonium to make four to five atomic

At the Pyongyang talks that began last Wednesday, the United States and North Korea reached agreement on all technical issues related to dry storage of the fuel rods, the South Korean source

The source said a team of U.S. specialists, joined hy experts from the U.N. InterAgency (IAEA), is expected to begin work on the dry storage as early as next week.

Experts say dry concrete is one of the safest ways of storing spent fuel rods to prevent them from corroding and giving off radioactivity. The rods could erode if kept in the cooling ponds.

North Korea's official news agency said Monday the U.S.-North Korea talks in Pyongyang resulted in "significant progress." It did not report details.
Under the Oct. 21 nuclear

framework agreement, the North's spent fuel rods to be kept in dry concrete must be transferred to a third country by 2002, when the first of two new modern reactors is built in the North.

The second reactor is scheduled to be completed one

The two U.S.-arranged light-water reactors, worth \$4 billion, are a key part of the framework agreement, under which North Korea must freeze and eventually dis-mantle its nuclear program-me, suspected of being used for weapons development.

In addition, North Korea also is to receive substitute fuel oil and limited U.S. diplomatic recognition. As a first step toward normalising relations, the United States and North Korea have agreed to exchange liaison offices. Meanwhile, monitors in Seonl Tuesday said North Korea has summoned ideology vanguard officers into its tightly controlled capital for a major military rally this week to solicit loyalty to their new leader, Kim Jong-Il.

In a broadcast monitored here Monday, North Korea's official media reported the arrival in Pyongyang of army vanguards responsible for ideological indoctrination. said the South's official moni-

toring agency, Naewoe Press.

It would be the biggest military rally since the death of North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung in July by field offic-ers who have played a key role in consolidating the succession to power of the junior

The rally, revived for the first time in 12 years, also appears aimed at preventing ideological agitation within the military following Kim Il-Sung's death in July." a Naewoe analyst told AFP.

The previous rally was beld in 1983 with some 6,000 officers summoned to take a loyalty oath to the junior Kim before his official debut in China as the successor to his charismatic father.

The junior Kim, accompanied by top military leaders, attended the 1983 rally in a show of leadership over the

Experts here believe the junior Kim will face no difficulties in bolding power, despite incessant rumours spawned hy his rare appearances and failure to formally assume the posts of state president and general party secretary held by his father.

"Our immediate concern is about whether Kim Jong-Il would show up," the Naewoe analyst said.

North rejects Northeast Asian security dialogue

In another development, Monday, North Korea said it was opposed to regional talks aimed at promoting a security dialogue among northeast Asian countries, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

"We oppose the appearance of any multilateral forum of security dialogue" in this region," a North Ko-rean foreign ministry spokes-man was quoted as saying by the agency in a dispatch mon-itored here.

The forum was proposed earlier this month hy Japanese Defence Agency Director-General Tokuichiro Tamazawa. who said he wanted China, Japan, North and South Korea, Russia and the United States to discuss



PRO-LIFE VS. PRO-CHOICE: Thousands of the 22nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's pro-life demonstrators march in downtown decision in Roe Vs. Wade which legalised Washington Monday on the way to the U.S. abortion (AFP photo)
Supreme Court Building. The march marks

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National Party bas voted against the introduction of casino gamhling, the Carib-bean News Agency reported Monday. The party's policy, making council voted at the weekend against a resolution which would have reviewed the beensing of casino gamb-ling, CANA said. Business interests have mounted ; campaign to legalise casino gamhling, which they claim would inject millions of tourist dollars into the Caribbean island's economy. The controversial proposal is opposed by church leaders

Big no longer beautiful in weight watch island kingdom

SUVA. Fiji (AP) — Once npon a time, big was beantiful in the timy south Pacific island Kingdom of Tonga. Now, fat is out. Alarmed by recent survey results showing increasing obesity among its 105,000 people, officials have launched a weight awareness campaign. A national slimming competition is among measures planned to encourage healthy, weight-watching. Its head of state, 76-year-old King Taufa'ahan Tupou IV, is leading by example. Before he trimmed down in recent years, the monarch was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's heaviest monarch at more than 200 kilogram-mes (441 pounds). Now he sticks to a strict diet and a regular exercise regime. Tongans, like other Polynesians, are traditionally "big, heavy-boned people," said govern-ment nutritionist Vizo Halavatan Tuesday. Traditionally,

Unable to curb cigarette smuggling, Singapore now targets smokers

SINGAPORE (AP) -Smokers in Singapore who buy smuggled cigarettes may find their money going up in smoke. After failing to curb "rampant" cigarette smuggling, the government announced Monday it will target the other end of the racket — people caught huying contrahand cigarettes will be fined up to 5,000 Singapore dollars (\$3,424). the eustoms department announced. And that is only for first time offenders. Subsequent convictions could lead to jail for up to two

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SEATTLE (R) - A couple

accused of an eight-year

crime spree which made them

the most prolific hank rob-

bers in U.S. bistory have

been hit with stiff sentences

by a federal judge, officials said Monday. U.S. District

Judge Thomas Zily sentenced

Johnny Williams Jr., accused

of masterminding 56 bank rohberies in three states, to

92 years in prison. Mr. Zilly sentenced Williams' wife,

Carolyn, to 20 years in prison for her role as getaway driver in the crimes, which netted

nearly \$900,000. Johnny Williams, 44, nicknamed "The Shootist" for his trademark habit of firing his pistol into the ceiling, pleaded guilty to five counts of head rephery.

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LONDON (Agencies)

Londoners renowned for

calmly and politely queuing

up for buses are now legally

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of January I. But officials for

London Transport, doing away with its 57-year-old

hylaw requiring people to form orderly queues, said

they were not predicting bus-stop anarchy. I don't think

we are going to see a lot of

harging in at bus stops or

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fairly well-mannered socie-

"Many people probably did not realise there was a law 10

a spokeswoman said.

Push and shove

"We are not against investment. We love this country,' but development should take place in a "sound political system," she said. Modern-day Bonnie Opposition MPs from Ms.

Wajed's Awami League, deposed president Hussain Mohammad Ershad's Jatiya Party and the Muslim fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party resigned from parliament Dec. 28 after boycotting it since March. Nasrin's trial put off

leader, said the strike was a

protest against an unusual

increase in the price of con-

sumer goods ahead of the

Muslim holy month of Rama-

dan, which starts in Febru-

daytime fasts that are usually

followed by after-dark feasts,

and large quantities of food

are consumed during this

The nationwide general strike planned for Wednes-

day was to push the opposi-

tion's 10-month-old demand

for elections under a neutral

caretaker government to en-

sure people's voting rights, Ms. Wajed said.

Ramadan is a month of

In another development Monday, a court for the second time postponed the blasphemy trial of Taslima Nasrin, the Bangladeshi author who fled to Sweden to escape death threats hy Islamic radicals.

The postponement until Feb. 9 came when prosecutors failed to produce a government statement allowing

her trial.
Under Bangladesh laws,
the government's assent is required if the offence is committed in a foreign coun-

Tamil group Tuecday said it gared for the safety of its adres after discovering that

mal Tamil separatist rebels see violating a truce with the government by carrying "if yoo were thin, people thought you were unheal-thy," said Ms. Halavatan. ms into military held areas of Sn Lanka's northeast. halener to Deputy Deforce Minister Anuruddha

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Under the truce accord amed between President handrika Kumaratunga and ITTE chief Velupillai Prabhakaran, the rebels

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — In impson contended Monday that a witness saw the exime his ex-wife and her tiend were murdered two

The prosecution, upset ab-

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Then he wants to show prors his scars, injuries and physical limitations while ead defence attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. delivers his emarks.

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or otherwise procedurally in-appropriate, said the request signed by Mr.

photographs of the victims' bodies during opening state-Aents despite defence objec-

Clinton offers his 'vision' to Congress and the nation opposition calls for Zia's motorcade

President Bill Clinton plan-ned to use his state of the Union Address late Tnesday night to outline his agenda and vision for the nation and draw political battlelines with the new Republicancontrolled Congress.

Mr. Clinton was to deliver the nationally-televised address to a joint session of Congress at 9 p.m. EST (0200 GMT) - the first time in four decades that a Democratic president faces both a Senate and House of Representatives under Republican con-

The president's speech will be a good opportunity for him to lay the premise, in a sense the vision for his leadership and to describe in some detail the type of initiatives that be would see accomplishing that vision,' White House press secretary Mike McCurry told repor-

The address is unlikely to call for any of the bold changes Mr. Clinton demanded when he first came to Washington two years ago when he called for a sweeping overbanl of the nation's

bealth care system.

Aides said Mr. Clinton favours increasing the minimum wage, which now stands at \$4.25 an bour - most likely to a \$5 hourly rate. It was unclear, bowever, whether he would make the proposal part of the Tuesday Lesotho's king to

MASERU (R) — Lesotho's

ousted King Mosboeshoe will

be reinstated Wednesday.

five years after being deposed

by a restive military which

put his son on the throne.

The king's return to power and abdication of his son.

Letsie III, marks the cul-mination of months of deli-

cate talks involving neigh-

bouring Botswana, South

Africa and Zimbabwe and

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While many of Lesotho's

1.6 million people are de-

lighted at the prospect of

having the 55-year-old king

hack on the throne, elements

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The influential youth

wing of the ruling Basotho-

land Congress Party (BCP)

has called in pamphlets for

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night speech or use another forum to unveil the plan.

He was also expected to use the address to generate public support for the administration's package of \$40 billion in loan guarantees to help Mexico out of its current

Although Republican leaders back the loan package, it bas encountered stiff opposition among rank-and-file lawmakers who fear it lacks publie support in the United

Aides said Mr. Clinton also was expected to call for increasing the size of the U.S. border patrol in order to cut down on the number of illegal immigrants entering the United States from Latin

Immigration has become a politically sensitive issue, particularly following voter approval in California of Proposition 187, which cuts off social services to illegal aliens. Its implementation has been delayed by court

Mr. Clinton was also expected to promote the steps be bas taken to streamline the size of the federal government and his plans to further

reduce the bureaucracy.
House Speaker Newt Gingrieh, discussing the address, told reporters, "we are trying on some fronts to work very closely together," with Mr. Clinton, even

sie, 34, has occupied the

tutional crisis when he dis-

missed Mr. Mokhehle's

cabinet in August last year, citing popular discontent with

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As well as royal coup,

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"I would bope that there will be a spirit of comity," Mr. Gingrich said, pointing out that "this is not the state of the Democratic Party, this is the state of the whole country. It's the president addressing the entire nation. and we'll see what we can take out of it."

Mr. Clinton was hoping to reassert his leadership role after weeks of attention focusing on the new Republican leaders of Congress who last held the reins of power in both chambers 40 years ago.

White House officials, however, sought to downplay the stakes for Mr. Clinton who has shouldered much of the blame for the Democratic debacle in the November elections.

"There is often a temptation to label major speeches hy the president of the United States make or break speeches," Mr. McCurry said. "I don't believe President Clinton views this state of the Union Address in that fashion.

He said Mr. Clinton sees the speech as an "opportunity for him to outline in a very direct way to the American people and to our Congress the type of leadership that be believes ... will get us to the vision of America that he has effectively described."

leaders refuse to meet

throne since King Mosboeshoe was deposed by Romanians the former military rulers in BUDAPEST (R) - Hun-

1990 after a 30-year reign. Political analysts said his reinstatement could help bring political stability to Lesotho as it had been one of the main issues in the struggle for power between royalists and the government of Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle. Hungarians, Mr. Letsie caused a consti-

> "Diverging from the original programme neither Prime Minister (Gyula) Horn nor President (Arpad) Goncz. will receive him during this visit," said Erika Torzsok,

new elections LISBON (AFP) - Portugal's liamentary motion of censure opposition parties called for against the government for early general elections Tues-

day after Monday's announcement by Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva that he would step down in October.

Opposition leaders pressed President Mario Soares to dissolve parliament so elections could he held eight months early, a clamour echoed hy Portugal's press. Cavaco Silva is the longest-

serving Prime Minister in the 15-nation European Union. He was elected in October 1985, only five months after being elected leader of the Social Democrat Party (SDP).

He said he would make way for a new party leader to be elected at the party congress in just over three weeks' time, but he added that between now and October he would continue to work "unstintingly as prime minister by implementing the government programme approved by parliament." where his party has an absolute majority.

The general secretary of the main opposition Socialist Party. Antonio Guterres. said a government soll led by Cavaco Silva after the congress, could not be considered as a "government of

management. "The country can not lose Mr. Guterres said. adding that it was in the national interest that early elections be held.

His party, however, will first have to elect a new president at its annual congress in mid-February. The Communist Party. which has put down a par- match.

porters last week there was a

real possibility" the Kremlin

would order a nuclear strike

on Grozzy, since its troops

and tanks had failed to take

the economic and social conditions in the country continued to worsen, as well as

"The country can not continue to live in a situation which will be more and more unstable until October," Party General Secretary Carlos Carvalhas said. The sentiment is shared by

most Portuguese conomists, employers confederations and unions. The current instability in the country, they say, means

important economic decisions are being postponed.
The president of the Portuguese Industrial Association, the country's higgest employers' association said parliament should be dissolved and the government should

Ludgero Marques said that

even if the prime minister

and his cabinet continued in

office. "he would not be able to prevent disturbances in the economic forces which can have very negative effects. "The weakness of the government is not desirable." particularly at a time when Portuguese unemploy-

ment has reached record levels. Oliveria e Costa, leader of the General Workers' Union (UGT) said. Another union leader, Manuel Carvalho da Silva of the General Confederation of

Portuguese Workers, the communist CGTP, said "the captain has quit the ship" after creating "expectations and illusions" with promises that his policies couldn't

Soares holds key as Bomb hurled at DHAKA (Agencies) — A Sheikh Hasina Wajed, Bang-crude bomh was burled Tues- ladesh's main opposition ladesh's main opposition

day at a motorcade carrying Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia after she inaugurated an international investor's conference, but no one was injured, witnesses said. AB AFP D the scene said the bomb did

not hit any of the cars in the convoy, whic sped-away towards Ms. Zia's office. The bomb exploded on the road, letting out smoke. Police fired tear gas and used batons to disperse opposition strike activists and arrested several people, witnesses said.

The incident followed a half-day general strike against inflation, one in a lengthy series of strikes the opposition has called in its efforts to bring about early elections under a neutral caretaker government. The strike eoincided with the Euromoney International Investors' Conference, which focused on husiness opportunities in Bangladesh.

Thousands of police and paramilitary forces guarded the streets and cordoned off the Sonargaon Hotel, the venue of the conference. As investors gathered, Finance Minister Saifur Rahman niged the opposition to call off its general strike and spare the economy.

Schools, shops and businesses were sbut, and vehicles, except for threewheel pedicabs, stayed off the streets. Police escorted ministers

and guests to the site of the conference, the first ever to focus exclusively on Bangla-

The opposition has come under fire from the business community for calling strikes

Chechenya rumour mill working overtime

war started. tered palace, although

Western observers believe several thousand people bave been killed in total since the

cide among the Chechens. They say the Russians tried to wipe them out during decades of warfare in the 19th century. Then, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin deported the entire Chechen population to

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a move that surprised pro-secutors, lawyers for O.J. botball player's Ford Bronco parked at his house about the miles (three kilometres)

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Hungarian regain throne today British-educated Mr. Let-

gary's president and prime minister Tuesday cancelled scheduled meetings with a top Romanian official in protest at recent attacks in Romania against the political party representing ethnic

All six parties represented in the Hungarian parliament also issued a strongly worded statement condemning the criticism of demands for autonomy by the Hungarian Democratie Union of Romapia (HDUR).

Russian soldiers, shocked to find themselves fighting tough and well-armed irregulars instead of decadent bandits as they had been led to believe, talk of squads of crack women snipers on the streets of Grozny.

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KHASAVYURT (RI tion from both sides. Since Russian troops and In Moscow, some media refuse to accept the governtanks first moved into breakment line, which is that the away Chechenya six weeks ago, the rumour and prop-Chechens are bandits and aganda mil's on both sides gangsters who must be have been working overtime. crushed by heave Russian sol-Chechen President diers. The influential Izvestia Dzhokhar Dudayev told re-

newspaper has taken a panicularly scepitcal attitude. But that is not true across the board. For some media. Soviet-era propaganda reflexes prevail and the Chechens are referred to only

as "illegal armed bandits." Russian human rights commissioner Sergei Kovalyov has branded official coverage of the war as simple lies. On Jan. 20, the Moscow

newspaper Rossilskive Vesti

which supports President

that the hlack and white image was a crude and visible forgery — the flag had been added on to an older picture of the building. fronically, the Russians had indeed taken the shat-

Chechen fighters say they abandoned it voluntarily because it no longer offered sufficient cover. When Western reporters finally arrived on the scene.

there was no flag at all. There are stories from both sides of gruesome atrocities and prisoners massacred. again, no evidence.

The Chechens tell tales of Russians dumping bodies to conceal easualty figures. whatever they may he. Neith-

"kill ratio" in favour of his Chechen fighters.

There is also talk of geno-

Kazakhstan in 1944.

This time, Chechens say, most of the 400,000 people

Constitution-making process underway in South Africa

South Africa's politicians . Tuesday begun the mammoth ... task of writing a new conestitution within 16 months in -. a process insiders believe could be marred by bitter . disagreements.

The Constitutional Assembly started work in earnest with the aim of producing a final hlueprint before a May 10, 1996, deadline set in the interim constitution that is scheduled to expire after the next general election in 1999.

The body consists of the 400-member National Assembly and the 90-seat Senate; President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) enjoy a comfortable majority in both

An indication of the potenfat is out. Alore result is more result in the result is not result in the result in t tial for major disagreements emerged Monday, when the ·Zulu nationalist Inkarha Freedom Party (IFP) - signailed its intention to make an issue of international mediation on constitutional issues.

The IFP was enticed into last April's all-race election at the last moment thanks to . a deal between the ANC and the former ruling National

Party (NP) of Deputy President Frederik de Klerk promising international mediation over the status of the Zulu monarch in the new South

The ANC and the NP bave since been reluctant to press ahead with arbitration, believing it to be unnecessary and waste of time.

But the IFP's Koos van der Merwe, speaking before parliament Monday, accused the ANC and the NP of reneging on their "solemn promise of international mediation."

The ANC believes that if the IFP pushes the issue, the constitution-making process could be delayed for several

The NP is also considering adopting constitutional positions far removed from those of the majority ANC.
At the party's annual con-

gress in Jobannesburg lasr week, delegates proposed tbat the enforced powersharing provided in the present, interim constitution be extended for another 10 to 15

The ANC's stated position constitution. is that the government of national unity, which allocates cahinet seats on the basis of the percentage of

votes received, should be scrapped and straight majority rule implemented.

The ANC also favours a

strong central government, while the NP and the IFP call for devolution of powers to the country's nine provinces.

Despite the obvious areas of conflict, parliamentarians from all parties are optimistic that a final consitution can be agreed without having to resort to special deadlockbreaking mechanisms. To be approved, the new

constitution will require the support of two-thirds of the Constitutional Assembly the ANC is just short of that

If the Constitutional Assembly cannor agree, the interim constitution calls for a referendum to break the deadlock. One ANC MP warned of

"terrible problems" if parties refused to approach the issue in a spirit of compromise, saying the process could become bogged down as were the protracted negotiations that produced the interim

Those talks in Johannesburg were characterised by frequent breakdown and walkouts by the 1FP

Big power envoys push for peace in Bosnia talks; fighting surges in Bihac

newed surge in fighting in the Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia marred a truce holding in the rest of the country Tuesday as hig power mediators arrived in Sarajevo to push for a peace settle-

Peace envoys from Russia, Britain, France and Germany ioined U.S. diplomai Charles Thomas who has spend the past two days shuttling between the Bosnian government and rival Bosnian Serbs in nearby Pale to gauge the mood for fresh negotiations to end nearly three years of

The five-nation "contact group" delegation, which drew up a peace plan for Bosnia last July, travelled straight to the Bosnia presidency building for talks with the government.

ear in Bosnia.

The envoys were due to meet Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and other Serb officials in Pale later in an attempt to carve out an

Contact group govern-

ments want to build on the four-month ceasefire, the most durable in Bosnia so far. The truce received a further boost Monday with a follow-up accord on supply routes into Sarajevo, prisoner exchanges and the free movement of civilians.

U.N. spokesman Major Koos Sol said the ceasefire. in place since Jan. 1, continued to hold well across Bosnia but renewed fighting flared in the Bihac pocker. U.N. spokesman Major Koos Sol said U.N. observers had recorded more than 490 artillery and mortar explosions south of the town of Velika Kladusa in the past 24

The U.N. blamed the surge in fighting on Muslim forces loyal to Serb-hacked Muslim tycoon Fikrei Abdic who has led a campaign against Bosnia's Muslim-led government vince within Bosnia. Mr. Koos later said the U.N. believed rebel Scrb forces from Croatia were also

involved. "The bulk of the heavy weapons firing would appear to be the responsibility of RSK (Croatian Serb) and Mr. Abdic forces who we believe are conducting company level probing attack-s...south of Velika Kladusa,"

he told reporters. The United Nations has urged rebel Muslims and Croatian Serbs to sign the Bosnia ceasefire, but its main concern is to keep Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnia's Muslim-led army from each other's throats to ensure the truce takes roor.

But U.N. reports of minor violations indicated that the ceasefire agreement was still a sbaky one.

Mr. Sol said Serb snipers resurfaced in Sarajevo Monday for the first time this year

the Holiday Inn Hotel. Serb and government soldiers also exchanged small arms fire in the vicinity of the Jewish cemetery near a frontline in the capital.

Monday's accord between the Bosnian government and the Serbs on confidencebuilding measures was announced by the U.N. com-mander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, before he left Sarajevo at the end of his assignment.

His replacement, Lieutenant-General Repen Smith, another Briton, was expected to take up his command in Sarajevo Wednes-

day.
"It is all pointing to the fact
(Rosnia's that both sides (Bosnia's Serbs and Muslims) see this opportunity as a very real opportunity for peace." Rose

The two sides agreed to

open up supply roads into Sarajevo on Feb. 1 to seven international humanitarian organisations and five Bosnian relief groups.

Colin Murphy, the U.N. Protection Force (UNPRO-FOR) deputy civil affairs chief in Bosnia, said Serbs and the Bosnian government reaffirmed plans for the release of all war detainees, the free movement of civilians and for medical evacuations from Muslim enclaves when needed.

Asked whether UNPRO-FOR had any grounds for optimism after a similar agreement to implement the Dec. 31 ceasefire terms went nowhere, Mr. Murphy re-

"My own perception in Pale and from talks with the Bosnian government (is that they) want this series of agreements to work and we have evidence they are working with certain exceptions.

Tamil group accuses rival rebels of truce violations

COLOMBO (AFP) — A Tamil group Tuesday said it feared for the safety of its cadres after discovering that rival Tamil separatist rebels were violating a truce with the government by carrying arms into military-held areas

of Sri Lanka's northeast. In a letter to Deputy Defence Minister Anuruddha Ratwatte, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) said Tamil Tiger rebels were

"roaming with weapons."
The PLOTE said that the "serious violations" by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas "threatened the safety" of its unarmed cadres in the eastern province.

Under the truce accord signed between President Chandrika Kumaratunga and LTTE chief Velupillal Prabbakaran, the rebels

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In

a move that surprised pro-secutors, lawyers for O.J.

Simpson contended Monday

that a witness saw the ex-

football player's Ford Bronco

parked at his bouse about the

time his ex-wife and her

friend were murdered two

miles (three kilometres)

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minute winesses, asked super-

for court judge Lance Ito for

a one-week delay in the trial's

opening statements. There

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In a hearing marked by

unusual developments, Mr.

Simpson asked the judge for

permission to talk to jurors for about a minute before his

attorney's opening state-

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rule on the request.

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The prosecution, upset ab-

away.

could only enter governmentcontrolled areas in the east without weapons.

But on Monday police detained two senior LTTE cadres carrying weapons in eastern Batticaloa district, officials said.

Police set the rebels free but kept back an automatic weapon and grenades after negotiations between the two sides, officials said. The truce between the re-

bels and security forces continued for a 17th day Tuesday but defence officials privately admit that "minor violations" by the LTTE were intensifying with each passing day.

Police decided to keep the weapons as evidence that the Tigers are violating the

cessation of hostilities, senior military official said. The Sri Lankan government bas acknowledged a

series of "minor violations,"

hy the LTTE but has attributed them to poor communications between the rebels' own high command and cadres in the field.

Tamil groups had warned

ahead of the truce that the militants would exploit the

Sri Lanka OK's VOA

In another development Sri Lanka has approved with "modifications" construction of a controversial relay station for the U.S. state radio Voice of America (VOA), Foreign Minister Lakshman

Kadirgamar said Tuesday. Officials said they hoped the decision to approve an agreement on the station signed by Washington and the previous government would help Sri Lanka obtain higher garment export quotas to the United States.

China, Taiwan agree on Indian troops hunt for repatriating hijackers

TAIPEI (R) - Arch-rivals China and Taiwan reached breakthrough agreements in Beijing Tuesday on repatriating hijackers and illegal immigrants fleeing to this prosperous island off China's southeast coast.

Regarding the repatria-tion of hijackers and illegal immigrants we can say that all wordings are settled, state television showed Taiwan's chief negotiator Chiao Jen-Ho telling journalists in Beijing.

His Chinese counterpart Tang Shubei, secretary general of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait, said: "all problems are

The agreements, which

have yet to be signed, represent a step forward in a detente which began with commercial ties over a decade ago and has strengthened with an increasing number of semi-official visits since 1993. Rivalry between China and Taiwan goes back to 1949 when the nationalist armies of Chiang Kai-Shek lost the Chinese civil war and fled to Taiwan. Beijing still refuses

to rule out using force to

retake the island. "After a separation of more than 40 years, differences are still great. The agreements are a good beginning," said Mr. Chiao, secretary general of the Straits Exchange Foundation, a quasi-official body which handles relations with China.

"There are many problems which we are unable to solve in a short period of time, but generally speaking our goals are consistent," Mr. Chiao added. .

The television said that under the agreements botb hijackers and illegal immigrants from China would be repatriated swiftly and not be subjected to Taiwan's legal

It did not say, however, whether I6 hijackers currently in jail in Taiwan would be repatriated after their sentences are served. Taipei has in the past expressed fears that they might be executed after their return.

The high-level talks, which run through Jan. 26, are the third between Mr. Chiao and

Defence witness says she saw Simpson's Sierra

GENEVA (AFP) — Two hostages kidnapped in Sierra Leone, a Russian and a Sierra Leone national, were released Tuesday in neighbouring Guinea to Red

kidnappings in Sierra Leone transitional ruling council.

The dispute, between in recent months that the military government in

Freetown has blamed on the Revolutionary United Front

He said people "presenting themselves as members of the Revolutionary United Front

Mr. Burgener said the ICRC would try to maintain contact with the RUF to obtain the release of the other foreigners. Reports from Freetown say 11 foreigners have been taken as

But Mr. Burgener said the ICRC did not know the exact they were all in the hands of the RUF.

The RUF up to now has claimed only three of the kidnappings, including a Russian known as Volodia wbo The Freetown military gov-

erument has blamed the RUF for all other kidnappings since last November. Among those held are six Britons. three Swiss nationals including one with dual Australian nationality, and a German. fered what at the time were

Muslim rebels in Kashmir SRINAGAR, India (AFP)

- Indian troops cordoned off vast areas of this Kashmir summer capital Tuesday and launched a house-to-house sweep for Muslim separatist guerrillas ahead of India's Republic Day Thursday. Hundreds of soldiers in

battle fatigues, backed by the paramilitary Border Security Force (BSF) and police, laid siege before dawn to residential quarters in the vicinity of the giant Bakshi sports stadinm, police sources said.

The stadium is to bost the official Republic Day celebrations Jan. 26 during which senior Kashmir officials are to watch a marchpast by units of the army, paramilitary forces and police.

Police sources said army troops fanned out Tuesday in the heart on Srinagar, a bastion of Muslim militants fighting for the secession of Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state.

At least 250 suspects have been taken into custody in Srinagar since Friday, the sources said. It was not clear if anyone had been arrested

Muslim guerrillas have frequently fired rockets at the Bakshi stadium during the Republic Day celebrations. Although no one has ever been killed, officials fear that experienced Afghan "mercenaries" may do the targeting

Scores of Afghan mujahedeen, veterans of the war against the Soviet Union, have thrown in their lot with Muslim separatists in this northern state.

Few of them are known to be active in Srinagar, but BSF sources said there were reports some Afghans may have sneaked into the city of 700,000 people. "All areas around the sta-

dium are sealed off," a Srinagar resident told AFP by telephone. "Troops are going from bouse to house looking for guerrillas as well as arms. In some places, all (road) traffic has been banned."

India accuses Pakistan, which disputes Kashmir's ownership, of arming and training the militants. Islamahad denies the charge, but supports what it calls a legitimate Kashmiri Muslim struggle for self-determination.

Hindn threat sparks tension

In another development, Indian security forces fanned out across a southern Indian city near Bangulore on Tuesday after Hindu bardliners vowed to hoist the national flag on land housing a Muslim seminary Thursday, police said.

Some 4,500 police officers and 600 paramilitary troops took up positions in Hubli. about 400 kilometres north-

west of Bangulore, ahead of the planned Hindu protest on the occasion of Republic

The authorities have banned the assembly of more than five people in Hubli, where police shot dead six Hindus during violent protests over a flag hoisting bid on India's independence day Aug. 15, 1994.

"We are taking no chances," said Director General of Police R. Ramalingam, adding that a security alert had been sounded across the southern coastal state of Karnataka, of which Bangalore is the capital.

Karnataka officials said the was also on alert in the

A two-metre-high barned wire fence has been put up around the 1.2-acre ground which was leased by the state government to a Muslim religious group in 1930 for 999

Activists of the Hindurevivalis: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party) had planted an Indian flag on the land two years ago but it was reportedly pulled down by Muslims.

Since then, the BJP, the main opposition party in Karnataka, has tried to raise the flag at the place. BJP leaders said more than 50,000 supporters would storm the Hubli ground on Thursday.

Ghana makes fresh push to break Liberia deadlock

can heads of state gathered in Ghana's capital Accra Tuesday for a fresh push to put Liberia's derailed peace process back on track.

Ghanaian officials said Liberia's warlords, who were all in Accra, would announce whether they had settled a dispute over who should fill the fifth and final sear on a

Liberia's former national army and a coalition of smaller militias, blocked the Jan.

accord — the latest in a string of deals to end five years of civil war. Liberia, set up hy freed

American slaves in 1847, has been racked by civil war since former civil servant Charles Taylor invaded from Ivory Coast in late 1989. The war has killed 150,000 people and most Liberians are refugees or displaced.

Ghanaian President Jerry Rawlings called the minisummit as chairman of the Economic Community of West African States. Niger-

Sani Abacha, President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso, President Lansana Conte of Guinea and Ivory Coasts Foreign Minister Amara Essy were attending. A representative from Sierra Leone was also expected.

The Dec. 21 accord included a timetable for disarmament leading to elections in November. A ceasefire took effect Dec. 28 and appears to be holding. Despite isolated reports of violations, no-one has spoken of a

Foul weather claims tages were turned over to ICRC representatives in Guekedou, near Guinea's sontheastern border. at least 7 lives in Europe

AFP

STORMS sweeping northern Europe since the weekend have claimed at least seven lives, according to reports from across the continent

in the southwest of the country, the authorities said. Overnight Sunday a Bel-

gian man was killed and five people were seriously injured in a road crash when winds blew an oncoming truck into the path of their car. In north Rhine-

Westphalia, a soldier on maooeuvres was killed when be was bit by a falling tree, while in Hessen a 32-year-old woman was swept into a river

Winds of up to 160 kilometres per hour were recorded, and several rivers rose above the levels they reached around Christmas 1993, when Germany suf-

several villages were submerged by steady downpours

to help police, fire brigade and civil defence teams,

centimetres every hour Monday, and posters were put up to warn residents in the lowlying areas of Cologne of the dangers and of precautions to

The Moselle reached 9.40 metres in Trier, just 1.6

eight were injured when a coacb was blown off the road in high winds near. Sanok,

The coach, carrying mem-

hockey team STS Autosan Sanok, was crawling along in a bid to stay on course but was swept off the road into a deep ditch, where it overturned.

A police van at the scene was also blown into the ditch. although no-one was hurt.

High winds and ice severely disrupted road traffic in northeastern Poland, and three Baltic ferries were marooned in port. Weathermen said the winds were

gusting up to 65 knots. In the Netherlands, it was feared the Meuse could exceed the critical level overnight Monday, and a crisis centre was set up in Maastricht in the southeast of the country.

High winds and bail caused severe damage in the central

region of Zwolle over the weekend, and three windmills were knocked out of action at Willemstad in the south when the gales ripped chunks out of the sails.

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> get to see bloody crime scene photographs of the victims' bodies during opening statements despite defence objec-Mr. Ito turned aside a defence request to make the prosecution use diagrams instead of photos of the scene. However, the judge barred the prosecution from using police photos of tests of blood stains from Mr. Simp-

car; judge allows bloody scene photos The information on the defence witness could provide an alibi, since prosecutors have suggested the murders were committed at about 10:15 p.m. outside Nicole

Brown Simpson's condominium. It was contained in court papers in which the defence tried to persuade Mr. Ito to allow detective Mark Fuhrman to be questioned about allegations he once used an ethnic slur aimed at blacks

interracial couples.

The last-minute arguments and motions pushed back

slashed to death. On hand for the statements were Mr. Simpson's mother, Eunice, and older children, Jason and Arnelle; Ms. Simpson's mother, Juditha Brown. and ber three sisters; and Mr. Goldman's father, Fred, and

parents were there. print tie, watched the proceedings impassively.

The judge had given the defence until Monday morn-

ing to come up with new

information or face losing the

and expressed disgust with The defence claimed that

Mr. Fuhrman never revealed that be interviewed a woman who recounted seeing Mr. Simpson's Branco parked near his driveway between 10:15 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. the night of the murders. the woman, Rosa Lopez, was described as an employee at the bome next to Mr. Simpson's

She also told Mr. Fuhrman that she heard voices and noises coming from Mr. Simpson's house from 11 p.m. — about the time Mr. Simspon left for the airport to catch a flight to Chicago and into the morning hours, the defence contended.

jury instructions and opening arguments. The two sides were expected to ontline dramatically opposing views of what happened the night of June 12 when Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed and

sister Kim. Even Mr. Ito's Mr. Simpson, wearing a gray pinstripe suit and gray

Fuhrman about the racism allegations. The judge ruled Friday that the alleged slur would be allowed if the defence could show why it would be relevant.

"(It) is extremely significant that detective Fuhrman never filed a report of this important information from Ms. Lopez," the defence wrote. "Surely, he realised that such evidence would tend to exclude Mr. Simpson as one who could have had time to leave his home, commit the murders, and re-

In allegedly withholding

this information, Mr. Fuhr-

man left himself open to

accusations he may have

planted a bloody glove at

Simpson's house, a glove that matched one at the murder

tum."

murder trial began Jan. 23 (AFP photo) opportunity to question Mr. scene, the defence papers said. "No one - so far as is

known — saw the glove prior

to, or at the time of, Mr.

Eunice Simpson (in wheelchair), the mother of donble

murder defendant O.J. Simpson, is helped outside the

courthouse where opening statements in the high-profile

Fuhrman's alleged find," the defence wrote. The glove got to this spot because someone carried it there." The opening statements, could be crucial. The time was nearly at hand for the truth, as narrowly defined by the criminal justice system, to

emerge before the only audi-

ence that counts: The jury

deciding Mr. Simspon's fate. "The presumption by most criminal lawyers is that jurors make up their minds after opening statements, and the trial is there just to confirm or refute their original idea," said Harland Braun, a longtime defence attorney in Los

Leone rebels release hostages

Cross workers by people saying they belonged to Sierra Leone's rebel front, a Red Cross spokesman here said. There have been several

(RUF), which has been fighting the government for the last four years. Tony Burgener for the 1nternational Committee of the Red Cross said the two hos-

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well as at least seven Sierra Leone nationals. number and did not know if

was seized in May 1994.

Monday. In Germany at least three people were killed in storms

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Monday, and meteorologists predicted more rain. U.S. troops were mobilised alongside their German allies

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Washington Watch

30 years later, Martin Luther King's dream still denied

'What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up?... Or does it explode?'

IT WAS just three decades ago that the American civil rights movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, succeeded in pressing the U.S. Congress to pass into law the Civil Rights Act of 1965. It was an amazing period of transformation and hope in American society

Thirty years later, an entire generation of Americans bave no recollection of the era of legal segregation and discrimination under which African-Americans were denied the right to vote, use public facilities, eat at the same restaurants as whites, live in "white" neighbourboods or go to "white" schools. Even fewer Americans know that the despised system of apartheid that governed the lives of South African blacks was based on the racist system that had been imposed on African-Americans in the south of

the U.S. and which lasted for almost 100 years. The civil rights movement, led by Dr. King, exposed the evils of segregation in the south and challenged whites in the north to face up to their own less formal system of social discrimination that denied African-Americans rights in almost every sector of U.S. political and social life.

The decade of the 1960s was a time of great hope and change. Two democratic presidents, John F. Kermedy and Lyndon B. Johnson account of the section of

Lyndon B. Johnson moved, at first with hesitation but ultimately with great vigour, to make real the promise of equality and justice for African-Americans.

Schools were ordered to be desegregated and racially integrated. And where racist state governors and mayors resisted, federal soldiers were used to escort African-American children to school. Restaurants and other public places were ordered desegregated and racist housing laws were abolished. And in 1965, when the voting rights of African-Americans were guaranteed, race could no longer be used as a basis for denying the right to vote or to impose barriers which made voting more difficult.

The non-violent mass movement of hundreds of thousands, led by Dr. King, energised and gave hope to African-Americans, challenged the conscience of the na-tion's leaders and reshaped the U.S. legal landscape. While all of this must be recognised as positive and significant steps forward, it must also be understood that 30

years later, African-Americans remain disproportionately poor, crowded into increasingly dilapidated inner city ghetto housing, and victims of racial bias in the economic. social and political spheres.

It was 32 years ago that Dr. King spoke of his dream from the steps of Lincoln Memorial in the U.S. capital,

where be said:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.' ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

Today, King's dream is still not a reality for the majority of African-Americans in the U.S. And, moreover, there have been some reverses of the progress that was made in

Government-led programmes to produce integration have made white bitterness as a by-product. "Affirmative action" programmes, which were designed to give American-Americans compensatory opportunities to make np for the opportunities denied to them during the three centuries of slavery and institutional racism, have also produced a feeling among some whites that they are being denied opportunities, that such programmes have gone too far and must be stopped or reversed. And while this sentiment is particularly prevalent in the south, it is a

national phenomenon.

From the height of the civil rights movement in the 1960s and the support it received from Democratic presidents and the Democratic Congress, there has been an erosion of southern white support for the Democratic Party. Republicans have actively courted these alienated white voters (a disproportionate number of whom are men). As the November elections demonstrated, the shift of southern white voters allegiages to the Party line of the party of white voter allegiance to the Republican Party produced the Republican takeover of Congress. This shift will result in a negative impact on federal social programmes primarily targetted to assist African-Americans.

Republican victories based in part on calling for an end to those social programmes designed in the 1960s have caused even some Democrats to abandon this agenda. African-Americans are watching these changes, which are causing them to feel even more isolated as they watch support for their concerns fade in Washington, even in people who were once considered allies.

Earlier in this century, Langston Hughes, an African-American poet, wrote: What happens to a dream deferred

Does it dry up Like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore - ... Maybe it just sags Like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?" The effects of these denied dreams on African-Americans, of their growing sense of frustration and loss, and of what has now become endemic poverty and deprivation, bave been devastating.

As Reverend Jesse Jackson, an early follower of Dr. King, and one of the leading voices in the African-American community today, has noted that the prolonged pain of African-Americans bas become internalised and bas produced self-destructive behaviour, especially among the young. In a speech on the crisis facing African-American youths, delivered a year ago, Reverend Jackson

"... The combination of social and economic neglect on the one hand and aggressive negative rhetoric and actions on the other -- by both political parties, the private sector, our education and health care systems, along with inadequate housing and environmental racism - over a protracted period of time, has resulted in turning serious problems into institutionalised conditions with violent consequences. It has produced an underclass of people with aggressive negative self-esteem ... They value neither their own life nor the life of another."

The statistics are overwhelming and disheartening. African-American unemployment remains more than twice that of whites (13.8 per cent to 6.2 per cent). Among young African-American men, aged 18-35, the unemployment rate is 31 per cent. The percentage of African-American families living below the official poverty line is a staggering 33 per cent, while only 11 per cent of white families are poor. This deep disparity exists even among those who work. The average white family income is \$40,000, while the average income for an African-American family is only

And these statistics are just the tip of an imposingly negative iceberg. The desperation of African-Americans can be found in any social or economic statistic one might choose. African-American life expectancy, for example, is seven years less than that of whites, and African-Americans' infant mortality rates are three times higher than that of whites.

than that of whites.

Long-term poverty and lack of employment opportunity suggested in these statistics of have produced a/climate despair and anger — and crime — in U.S. inner cities. The number of African-American males in prison is higher than the number enrolled in higher education. In all, 26 per cent of African-American men between the ages of 16 and 35 are either in jail, on probation, or on parolel

The wonder of these statistics is that, for the most part, this issue have virtually dropped off the national agenda. There is a shocking lack of attention being paid to the effects of the deferred dream by the leadership of both political parties.

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As I bave noted before, it is possible to live m Washington, D.C.. (or just about any other major U.S. city, for that matter) and know little of the plight of the majority of that matter) and know inthe of the pages of the majority of the African-American community — which comprises two-third's of the city's population. Because of residual segregation and the effects of the long-term poverty, the African-American ghetto is physically separate from "white" neighbourhoods, the downtown shopping area and the business centre where most whites work.

The problems of the ghetto (crime, the brutality of daily

life, poverty and unemployment) are read about, but they are not experienced or even seen first-hand by most

Whites are concerned about crime, afraid of drugs and violence — but these are not "their" problems — the solution proposed by conservatives is more prison and stiffer penalties, including more death sentences. Little attention is given to how to address and solve the systemic nature of these problems.

A further result of this situation is a growing restiveness and anger in the African-American community, where radical and militant leadership (like that of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan) is competing with those, like Jesse Jackson, who have come to be viewed by some angry African-American youths as discredited and "coopted by the white establishment."

One generation after Dr. King, the dream is still a dream — and, for too many, reality is a nightmare. A new generation of African-American leadership continues to present to the U.S. national conscience the challenge of the slain civil rights leader.

It is a two-pronged challenge.

To its own African-American constituency, the new leadership presents the challenge, in the words of Jesse Jackson, "to rise up and stop the killing, rebuild the community, protect and save the children from violence and despair." It is a moral challenge of self-help. As Dr. King himself had noted, it is the oppressed themselves who must first decide if real change is to come, and change

But to the U:S. government the civil rights leadership of the 1990s present a different challenge; to create employ-ment opportunities in the inner cities, to rebuild the infrastructure of the cities, to provide adequate health care and education - in other words, to restore hope to the

Three decades after the high point of the civil rights movement, the dream of Dr. King has not been realised. But it is clear that as America celebrated Dr. King's birthday last week, that millions of Americans of both races remain committed to the dream and the vision of the



Murky political landscape for post-Yeltsin Russia minister Gaidar, is too closely associated with the By Larry Ryckman

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's bloody war in Chechenya and the chaos in the Kremlin are forcing Western leaders to look beyond Boris Yeltsin.

They might not like what they see. The view of Moscow's political landscape is murky at best, with no clear successors to the Russian president emerging from the shadows.

Volatile Russian politics can turn on a kopek, but at the moment it seems no one could be elected, including and especially, Mr. Yeltsin. His five-year term expires in June 1996, and it is not clear whether he'll even seek reelection.

Russians have long been cynical about their leaders, hut the anger and disgust now directed at all political factions is startling. Not a single major figure, from nltranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky to reformer Yegor Gaidar, has escaped

the tarnish of public life. For some, that raises the troubling prospect of ambitious generals or Kremlin cabals conspiring to ensure that the next presidential election is never held.

The man many in the West would like to see in charge, former prime increasingly unpopular president and his even more unpopular economic

Mr. Gaidar has broken with Mr. Yeltsin over Chechenya, but his appeals for mass anti-war demonstrations have generated about as much enthusiasm as his cold, professorial campaign speeches.
Mr. Zhirinovsky, who

declared his presidential candidacy yet again this week, reformers in parliamentary elections.

His many campaign promises have gone unkept and his outrageous pronouncements elicit more shrugs than shock. Today, he is the only top politician more distrusted than Mr. Yeltsin in public opinion surveys.

"In any election, (Zhirinovsky) can't receive more than 10 per cent," said Yuri Levada, the director of the Russian Centre for Public Opinion and Market Research. "He is a really un-

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, second in power only to Mr. Yeltsin, would have to be considered the favourite in a presidential race. U.S. Vice President Al Gore has maintained close contacts

former director of the Soviet Union's giant natural gas industry. Mr. Chemomyrdin pre-

sents a solid, image, but he seems ancomfrotable with the speech-making and glad-handing of modern politics. Still, some believe this lack of spark could be appealing to a public tired of turnoil.

One newspaper said Mr. Chernomyrdin had boosted his chances by stepping forward in the past week as a peacekeeper in the Chechen crisi

"If the day before yesterday the world was still trying to guess whether there was an alternative to Boris Yeltsin, today some will probably see the answer in the face of the prime minister." the daily Commersant said Tuesday.

Like Gaidar, however, Mr. Chernomyrdin is a closley linked with Mr. Yeltsin, a factor that could burt him in a national elec-Another close Yeltsin

associate. Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, is often mentioned as a possible candidate for president in 1996, but his support outside the capital remains in question.

Contenders less palatable in Western circles are Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov and former vice president Alexander Rutskoi. Although communists have returned to power in some former Soviet satellites, there appears to be little appetite

in Russia for either man. With all of the disdain for professional politicians, it is perhaps not surprising that an outside was the one national figure to see his standing rise in the past

Gen. Alexander Lebel, Russia's most outspoken soldier, openly admires Chile's former dictator, Gen. Augusto Pinochet, hut says he has no plans to seek the presidency him-His public criticism of

Mr. Yeltsin as a "minus" would have gotten him fired in any other country, but Gen. Lebed is apparently too popular to touch. For now, the com-mander of Russia's 14th Army would apparently settle for the joh of defence minister, when and if it becomes available.

"My bet is, if we have new elections, most likely our new president will come from outside the Moscow establishment," said Andrei Kormnov, an analyst with the Institute of the USA and Canada.

Israeli economy spells trouble for Rabin

By Tova Cohen

TEL AVIV - To judge by economic growth of seven per cent in 1994 and unemployment down by a quarter. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin might have expected Israel's economy to give him little trouble in the opinion polls.

But a plummeting stock market, rising inflation and high interest rates have created a grim economic cli-mate. Analysts now say his government has to come up with solutions fast or face the consequences in next year's general elections.

"Rabin finally understands that the issue of the economy can topple him." said Mordechai Trotoush, acting president of the Israel Federation of Chambers of Commerce. Even officials privately

admin the economy, not peace, will decide the future of the government. And Israel's economy, as ever, has proved perplexing even for the experts, giving out strong positive and negative signals at the same

"Israel's economy is basically healthy - but with problems," said Jonathan Katz, senior economist at capital holdings consul-While the economy grew

at one of the fasiet rates in the Western world, inflation rose 14.5 per cent. the highest since 1991, and the balance of payments deficit more than doubled to \$3.0 billion.

To reign in inflation, the central bank raised interest rates seven times during the course of the year. Each time, the Israeli media unleashed a barrage of debate and complaints from the public and industrialists. The result was a sickly stock market whose major index plunged 37 per cent. Privatisation virtually came to a halt as the government managed to raise only \$204

million from company selfoffs, well down from \$1.2 billion in 1993.

The government does not seem prepared to do anything," Mr. Trotoush

Israelis' dissatisfaction with the government's handling of the economy has led to infighting among cabinet members. Police Minister Moshe Shahal stoked the embers

before a cabinet meeting on Sunday, sending Mr. Rabin a scathing criticism of Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's economic policy. Local media quoted Mr.

Shahal's report as saying the government was "hurt-ling full speed toward an economic disaster." But all ministers could agree on, after a marathon

meeting, was to lower the volume on their debate over who was to blame. And analysts see little prospects for improvement in 1995. "I don't see the problem

of the balance or payments being solved in 1995," said Hezy Gutman, head of economics at the powerful Manufacturers' Associa-The civilian trade deficit

ballooned to \$8.3 billion in 1994 from \$6 billion in 1993 and Mr. Gutman does not expect this figure to narrow in 1995.

Exporters say another problem is the shekel, which has been propped up by high domestic interest rates. The Bank of Israel has resisted all calls for a devaluation.

with Mexico, whose economy plunged into a crisis last month when the government allowed the peso to float freely. The result was a 35 per cent devalua-

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Space for tolerance

THE RECENT incarceration of Adel Hus-

sein, the secretary general of the Egyptian

Labour Union, by Egyptian authorities has

clearly galvanised opposition from not only

the Egyptian Press Association but also from

the bar association and other professional

groups in the country. At stake for all those

who made their opposition to the imprison-

ment of Mr. Hussein loud and clear was the

liberty and freedom of thought and express-

Before be was released, some political

activists went as far as going on a hunger

strike to drive home their concern about the

Without going into the merits or demerits

of the case presented against Mr. Hussein,

one has to note that there is still an apparent

low threshold of tolerance for opposing views

not only in Egypt but elsewhere in the Arab

World. On some occasions, even the most

benign rejection of state policy incurs the

wrath of Arab governments. This leads us to

conclude that the culture of human rights has

yet to spring deep and lasting roots in our

societies. To be sure the lack of a culture for

freedom of thought can be attributed not

only to governments but also to opposition

groups and other elements in society. Yet we

know only too well that there has not been a

single people which was able to enter the

stage of reformation and enlightenment with-

out the benefit of free flow of ideas including

those that may appear to so many of us as

unpopular or unacceptable. Obviously there

is no quick fix to cultivating a culture for

genuine human rights. It has taken genera-

tions for other societies to develop such a

culture, and it looks like it is also going to

take us some time, here in the Arab World,

tolerance and democracy must rest not only

on the shoulders of political liberals: All

democrats, whether conservative in orienta-

tion or leftist or otherwise, must join forces

to uphold the culture of democracy, plural-

ism and human rights. Where the work

should or could be done is not a subject of

argument or controversy. Political parties'

headquarters, institutions of higher learning

and the media are the natural places to begin

and augment the effort. Progressively, new

institutions have to be established and sup-

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

TAREQ MASARWEH a columnist in Al Ra'i daily.

Tuesday said that Sunday's suicide bombings in Israel are

one form of resistance to Israeli occupation similar to acts

carried out by the Lebanese resistance in southern Leba-

non. Saying that the Rabin government seems unable to

stop snicide attacks carried ont by Palestinians, the writer

Palestine National Authority (PNA) responsible for attacks

on Israeli targets. The Israeli government, said the writer,

realises that it was due to a series of suicide attacks in

Lebanon that the Americans and the Israelis were forced to

abandon their occupation of Beirut. The Palestinian

resistance, which is now transforming the stone-throwing

intifada into bombing attacks, could at the end force the

Israelis out of the occupied Arah lands, said the writer. He

said the Israelis should realise that the Palestinians, who

were evicted from their bomes since 1948 under the force of

acts of Jewish terrorism, are now paying back in the same

coin. The Israelis are now facing the consequences of their

own acts against the Palestinians, who have been oppres-

sed, killed, imprisoned or evicted from their towns and

A WRITER in Al Dustour niged the Social Security

Corporation (SSC) to take measures to design a health

insurance plan for bundreds of thousands of people living

around the poverty line. Ahmad Shaker said that the SSC

holdings are in the hundreds of millions of dinars and the

corporation is in a position to initiate this system and

provide health insurance to Jordanians for certain monthly

payments. Such a plan would not only be in implementa-

tion of the present government's drive to improve the living

conditions of poor and needy people, but would also ensure

more stable and secure lives for the majority of the

Jordanians, said the writer. Many retired people have no

medical insurance, said the writer. The SSC, which has

been hesitant to take steps towards introducing a compre-

nensive health insurance plan, said the writer, should

realise that there are numerous benefits in the implementa-

villages for decades, he added.

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said that acts of violence will not end by holding the

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> ing their responsibilities and tasks in the interests of the Palestinian people. 5. The two sides reiterate their commitment to the concept of a comprehensive solution on the basis of international legitimacy and United Nations Security Conncil resolutions 242, 338, and 435 and the res-

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Text of draft accord between Jordan, PNA

7. The two pledge con-

tinuous cooperation and

coordination in all regional

and international forums

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8. The agreement that Jor-

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9. In order to complement

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First: Monetary Affairs

1. The two sides agree that

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Being so, it will be a legal

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FOLLOWING is the text of the draft agreement concluded by the Jordanian -Palestinian Economic and Financial Committee which ended its meetings in Amman Monday:

Preamble

Stemming from the historic and deep-rooted ties between the Jordanian and the Palestinian peoples, and with the aim of the attainment of common interests and goals, and reiterating the desire of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Palestine to achieve the highest level of cooperation and integration in all fields, based on the close ties that prove a solid ground for elevating hilateral relations to advanced levels and integration io the interests of both peoples within the cootext of a common future, and to enhance and support all good efforts exerted with nur brothers in the Arah couotries to attain the aspired goals and boost the standing of our Arah Nation and enable it to confront the challenges, and as an expression of our common aspirations and noble goals that are sought by both parties, the two sides have agreed that it is crucial to formulate a unified strategy based on the fol-

 The necessity of comprehensive and constant coordination between the two sides to attain the common goals in the interest of both peoples.

lowing principles:

2. The two sides affirm that Jordaoian-Palestinian relations are special and unique and constitute a model to enhance the potentials and capabilities of the Arab Nation and to extend hidges of trust, understanding and cooperation among the (Arah) people, enabling the Arah Nation to assume its responsibilities and its deserved place (in the international community). especially in the light of international develop-

2. The two sides agree to ments. committing themselves to entering sinto comprehen-3. The Hashenfite Kingrsive and early negotiations dom of Jordan reiterated aimed at organising the process of exchanging its constant and continuous support for the Palestinian Jordanian dinars in the selfpeople, under the leadrule areas for local Palestiership of the Palestine Linian currency. They also heration Organisation (PLO), to attain their night ing arrangements and other to self-determination on ohligations required in this their national soil and to respect should the PNA deestablish an independent. cide to have separate Palestinian state, and to support the Palestinian quest to implement the Palestinian-Israeli declara-

Palestinian currency. The two sides also pledge to refrain from taking any abrupt unilateral measures concerning monetary affairs under any circumstances that could adversely affect the monetary stability in any of the two countries or negatively affect their mutual economic

dealings. 3. The Palestinian side undertakes to make all local payments in the Jordanian dinar until the new Palestinian currency has

been issued. Second: Banking 1. The licensing of banks in PNA areas

1.1 The PNA will issue licences to commercial banks operating in the self-rule areas. This covers Jordanian banks opening branches in

Palestinian territories. 1.2. The Jordanian and the Palestinian sides will offer the required facilities (under the existing legislations in Jordan and Palestine) for businesses to open hranches or offices for the Jordanian or the Palestinian hanks in either country if these banks have their head offices in Jordan or in the Palesti-

nian lands.

1.3. Licences issued by the Central Bank of Jordan to Jordanian banks operating in the West Bank which will later fall under the jurisdiction of the PNA will remain valid provided that these hanks be subject to any new legislations issued by the PNA in the fu-

The two sides agreed to coordinate their work concerning the licensing of new branches for Jordanian hanks which have not been licensed before the signing of this agreement until the PNA takes charge of all authorities in the occupied West Bank.

2. Control and

2.1. The two sides agreed to set up a joint committee from the Central Bank of Jordan and the Palestine Monetary Authority to ondertake the task of laving the foundations and the mechanism to conduct control and supervision on hranches and offices of Jordanian hanks operating in the Palestinian territories in a manner that would ensure sound liquidity for these banks. This procedure will continue until the Palestine Monetary Authority has finalised its own control and supervision sys-

2.2. The Basel Agreement will serve as reference in matters related to the process of coordinating control over hanks and the distribution of authorities be-

tween the two sides. The Palestine Monetary 'Authority and the Central Bank of Jordan will exchange information and data on Jordanian hanks and bank offices operating in the Palestinian lands via the joint committee mentioned under item 2:1.

. They will also exchange statistics related to Jordanian dinars deposited in non-Jordanian banks operating in the Palestinian ter-

The Central Bank of Jordan will present the PNA through the joint committee any information on statistics connected with the activities of Palestinian banks that are operating or would be operating in Jordan and those of Jordanian hanks operating on the

2.4 The Central Bank of Jordan will offer expertise and services to the Palestinian side to help it create a Palestine Monetary Au-thority and recruit cadres for hanking operations within a programme con-ducted by the Central Bank of Jordan and the training facilities of hanks in Jor-

joint committee. The two sides will con-duct immediate consultations in case of emergency in lice with policy to be worked out hy the joint

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This agreement will be revised at the request of any of the two parties and

Palestinian rejection of occupied territories and also backed the Palestinian right to self-determination in return for the rights of every country, including Israel, to of terrorism." lives in peace within secure

dipolitical with the part of t "We deem the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories as illegal," he said. "Our stand is clearly known to Israel, and we consistently

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Mr. Bajolet said "the basic principles" that the EU bebeves as the pillars of any just peace in the region also include "the restitution of all occupied territories, refusal to accept faits accomplis in Jerusalem and denunciation

"We condemn the recent bomb attack that claimed innoceot lives in Israel," he said referring to Sunday's suicide explosions tu Netanya. Asked whether such attacks would have any

support for the Palestinian National Anthority in Gaza and Jericho, Mr. Bajolet said: "Our commitment to help the Palestinian territories is firm and solid and extremist attacks do oot have any bearing on our commitment.

Mr. Bajolet said the Euro-85 million ECUs (\$96 mil-

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By P.V. Vivekanand

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whenever the need arises.

Jordan unlikely to get major EU debt write-off — diplomats

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

dan realising its quest for a substantial write-off of its debts owed to the Paris Club of creditor governments are slim, given the economic preoccupation of some of the European countries and the non-urgent nature of the Jordanian request, two European diplomats said Tuesday.

The diplomats also said Jordan's means to attain selfsufficiency and economic advancement were mainly through making itself attractive to foreign investment and this is a task that the Kingdom had to ondertake on its own. The assertions were made

hy French Amhassador Bernard Bajolet and German Charge d'Affaires Michael Bock at a press conference held to mark the French assumption of office as the rotating president of the European Union (EU) with effect from Jan. 1.

They were answering question how far the EU had gone in fulfilling its promise of "investment for peace" seen as inevitable if Arab-Israeli peace accords were to be sustained and consolidated.

About \$3.5 billion of Jordan's foreign debts are owed to the Paris Club. More than two-thirds of it have been

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withdrawal from the West

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Palestinian peoples' attain-

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The Palestinian-Israeli

agreement, signed in 1993,

does not define the future of

the Israeli-occupied Palesti-

nian territories as final status

negotiations were put off to a

The Palestinians, however,

had been seeking to reach a

clearly defined framework

with Jordan hased on future

confederal relations. The

Palestinians were hoping that

such an agreement will en-

hance their quest for

sovereignty in their negotia-

tions with Israel, and will

make the idea of an indepen-

dent state more acceptable to

The agreement drafted this

week responds partly to

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includes an unequivocal

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He said the memorandum.

which is based oo mutual

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not in any way cootradict the

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The accord contains a

Jordanian commitment to

support the implementation

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for an independent Palesti-

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Arafat arrives here today

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rescheduled since 1989. Under an agreement reached last year, Jordan will be paying token amounts of interest until 1997, when fresh rescheduling negotiations are expected on the outstanding

Mr. Bajnlet said EU members accounted for 60 per cent of the \$1.2 billion of Jordanian dehts that were rescheduled under "very generous terms" in Jnne

amount.

"I don't expect (the EU) to go any further that this" in deht relief for Jordan, said the ambassador. He also nnied that the total EU assistance to Jordan in 1994, in the form of contribution hy individual governments and aid channelled by the EU Executive Commission, was 300 millinn European currency units (ECUs), or about \$340 millinn.

The amount of deht writeoff offered by EU member states to Jordan in 1994 was 63 millinn ECUs (about \$71 million) and deht-equity swap around 120 million ECUs (\$140 million), Mr. Bajolet said.

Acknowledging that the U.S., another member of the Paris Club, is offering \$702 millinn in deht write-off to Jordan, Mr. Bajolet said, however, that "there is nothing that ohliges us to imitate the U.S. or anyone

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"We have economic difficulties and there are definite objective hudget limitations to what we could do," he said.

According to the ambassador, the U.S. debt write-off was also contingent on Jordan signing the Oct. 26 peace treaty with Israel.

"Europe does not have a record of making aid tn Jordan contingent on political agreements or peace treaties," Mr. Bajolet said. That is of course not to downplay our total and complete support for the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty and appreciation of Jordan's commitment to peace.

Furthermore, Jordan "belongs to a category of countries which receive intermediate revenue and thus excluded from deht forgiveness," Mr. Bajolet said. However, the unlikelihood

of deht write-off of any substantial amount "does not mean that we would not do anything to help Jordan,' added the amhassador. He said the EU stood ready to discuss with "the Jordanian authorities specific projects, including those which have a regional nature," and possextend financing with

Mr. Bock suggested that it might not be a good idea for Jurdan to press for deht forgiveness. "We think the call for debt forgiveness has been

coupled with the paramount

task of reconstructing a de-

vastated economy and a

strong internal opposition,

Mr. Arafat returned to Jor-

Many PNA officials had

been pressing Mr. Arafat to

reach agreements, with Jor-

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ty, who felt that the step

claims for sovereignty over

East Jerusalem, prodded Mr.

Arafat not to escalate tension

with Jordan and to seek to

talk it over with Amman,

especially that Israel was be-

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The preamble of the

accord indicates that the

PNA had realised that it

would be extremely difficult

to build institutions, especial-

ly in a place where expertise

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The agreement involves a

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Accords seen to signal well-founded relationship

exaggerated," said the German charge d'affaires.

Given the expectations of foreign private sector investments in Jordan after the Kingdom signed peace with Israel, "debt write-offs have the negative side that once any country gets debt writeoff, the private sector thinks there is something wrong with the country's economy,

Mr. Bock asserted. The German diplomat cited the example of Poland. which received a more than 50 per cent write-off of its foreign dehts three years ago, and noted that foreign investors were reluctant to invest in Poland because of the very perceptions created by the deht forgiveness.

"On the other hand, Jordan is very much justified in its expectations, considering that international interest in any particular country remains focused as long as the country remains within the -centre of political focus and tends in fade once the polinical focus shifts."

Both Ambassador Bajolet and Mr. Bock said the main share of the effort to invite foreign eapital to Jordan rested with the Kingdom itself. While European countries would extend help wherever possible, "it is up to Jordan itself to create a elimate conducive to foreign investment from the private sector," said Mr. Bajolet.

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News reports on Tuesday

But things have since then

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King

has suffered over long years. until a state of just and comprehensive peace is reached to create new conditions which can be enjoyed by all nations of the region and future generations.

Referring to the hitches on the peacemaking between Israel and Syria, Mr. Qasem said these had not progressed "in the manner that had been hoped.'

Similar pledges of support were given by Mr. Rawas, the Omani information minister. Oman hosted Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin hriefly Dec. 26, even though the sultanate has no formal relations with the Jewish state.

NPT options

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and the U.S. is pushing to have the treaty renewed indefinitely.

Mr. Ahu Odeb said while countries of the North support the U.S. view, the South is considering the options of having the treaty recewed for either a definite period at the end of which it will be re-

He said countries of the South want to have the treaty include provisions which were missed wben it was first made. Among these are a prohibition on nuclear tests, commitments against the use of nuclear weapons and permission for the use of nuclear

power for peaceful purposes. News reports quoted an unnamed U.S. official as saying his country is certain it will have the 85 majority vote needed for indefinite extension of the treaty while Third World countries are reportedly worried the U.S. will be able to orchestrate the rules of the voting to achieve its goal.

Article 10 of the treaty stipulates that countries which have signed the treaty are bound by the decision of the majority of the signatories. That would mean Egypt, which has signed the treaty, will be committed to it even if

it does not sign it in April. Israeli press reports said Tuesday that the U.S. has informed Egypt of a possible compromise that would allow it not to sion the treaty but also not to push Arah and Third World countries towards the same course of

port it would "be meaning-

less" unless it was accepted

by Arah interior ministers

and the international com-

Palestinian officials have

said PNA President Yasser

Arafat is expected to raise

the issue of dual citizenship

with King Hussein during

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the United States, would

accept the Palestinian pass-

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tween Jordan and the Palesti-**Passports** Jordan, as officials say, felt that its problem with the

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PLO over Jerusalem was (Continued from page 1) adversely affecting its rela-League." tions with the other Arab The official said that even states. Both sides decided to ease if Jordan recognised and accepted the Palestinian pass-

the tension hy avoiding to discuss the issue of Jordan's role in the boly sites at a recent meeting for the Jerusalem Committee in the Morroccan city of Ifran (see separate story).
The Jordanian and Palesti-

nian opposition to the peace agreements with Israel had been calling for joint Jordanian-Palestinian action but are expected to oppose the new accords since they are partly based on the same very agreements the opposi-tion rejects.

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and not as a nationality." But Palestinians argue that a now," said the official. passport still remains a "cru-"Jordanian support for the cial symbol of nationhood." agreement mentioned in the memorandum is very impor-The majority of Arah states have held back support Palestinians realise that if

their talks.

for allowing dual Arab citizenship. According to PNA officials, Mr. Arafat 'will try to

find a way to allow Palestinians to keep their Jordanian passports and at the same time convince Jordan to recognise the Palestinian pass-"If Jordan accepts the con-

cept of a Palestinian passport, in addition to the Jordanian one, it will show practieal support for the Palestisaid one Palestinian nians. official.

But a Jordanian official has said that Amman had three prerequisites that must be met before it would discuss the future relationship between Jordan and Palestinians as well as deciding who is a Palestinian and who is a

Jordanian. The source said that a full Israeli withdrawal, Palestinian self-determination and most importantly a solution to the refugee problem would have to be achieved before the issues of future relations and passports could be set-

tied. More than a million Palestinians in the West Bank hold two-year Jordanian passports granting Jordanian

The Kingdom has also granted Jordanian passports that act as travel documents

to over 100,000 Gazans.

France vows to reassert role

(Continued from page 12) Jordan-Israel peace treaty,

he said. In the Israel-PLO context, the EU fully supported the Israeli settlements in the

borders. remind the Israelis of our

bearing on EU assistance and

pean Union, which has committed 500 millioo European Currency Units (ECUs), or about \$570 million, at a rate of 100 million ECUs (\$114 million) every year for five years, as aid to the Palestimans, had already allocated

Analysts and officials said Jordan and the PLO-led Palestine National Authority (PNA) oeed each other's backing in order to improve their positions in negotiations with Israel as well as their standing in the Arab World. This rapprochement came after the two sides reached an

accord.

understanding over the quesetion of Jordan's role in the Islamic shrines in Arab East Jerusalem hased on the Kingdom's support for Palestinian claims to sovereignty over the Holy City as part of the Kingdom's territories Israel occupied in

"The Palestinian acceptance of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty practically

with Jordan is crucial for the with the Kingdom and in-Palestinian struggle for indecrease his manoeovrability pendence," Ahmad Qouriea, with Israel. the Palestinian official who reached the agreements with Palestinian agreement nar-Israel, told the Jordan Times rowed when Israel recognised on Tuesday. Jordan's role in the Muslim

Previous efforts to reach a cooperation agreement between Jordan and the Palestinians foundered as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat refrained from signing any agreements at the last

Mr. Arafat was afraid, according to Palestinian officials, that an agreement with Jordan would limit his manocuvrability with Israel, especially that Israel was refusing to accept Palestinian sovereignty and Jordan was not ready to commit itself to

a confederation between two independent states. The Palestinian leader, it seems, was also more confident of international political and financial support and of Israel's commitment to implement the self-rule agree-

But as international aid did not flow in as Mr. Arafat had anticipated, and the constant delay in the implementation and the occupied West Bank of the self-rule agreement

means that it acknowledges

Jordaniao custodianship of

the holy shrines in Jeru-

salem." said one official.

"We assured the Palestinians

that Jordan will hand over

custodianship once they got sovereignty over the city. We

have no hidden intentions."

Io another sign of impro-

ving relations, Jordan said

that its decision in September

to hand over religious affairs,

mosques and Islamie Sharia

courts in the West Bank,

excludiog East Jerusalem,

should benefit the Palesti-

nians and not the Israelis.

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quished links with Islamic

Awgaf and Sharia courts in

the West Bank, excluding

Jerusalem, this responsibility

goes to the Palestinian Au-

thority, which is the only

party to benefit from this

decision and to shoulder this

responsibility," Mr. Kabariti

told the news agency Petra on

officials, the foreign minis-

ter's statement came after

Palestinians expressed con-

cern that the Israelis were

trying to control these institu-

tions after the Jordanian

handover in areas where the

self-rule authority had not yet

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extended its rule.

According to Jordanian

Tuesday.

"The government reaf-

nation-building. Jordan on its turn, was always pressing for agreethe West Bank until the Palestinian National Author-

trol... we will not handover to the Israelis," said a Jordanian official. Mr. Arafat, who last visited Jordan in May and has avoided signiog any agreements with Jordan, is now coming to Amman because "very few choices remain

open to him," said one offi-Jordao and the PNA negotiated an economic accord in January 1994, but

Mr. Arafat refused to sign it. The Palestinians concluded an economic accord with the Israelis in April. Overlappings between the two agreemeots were addressed by modifications in the January accord between Jordan and the PLO, but Mr. Arafat

declined to ratify them. Mr. Arafat has been losing ground to Islamie groups opposed to the Oslo accord and which have been carrying out attacks against Israelis. He has lost credibility and support among Palestinians as the Israeli government contioues to huild settlements and delays imple-

leading Hamas figure in the West Bank town of Nahlus,

was preceded by Egyptian President Hosni Mobarak's visit to Agaba last Saturday and a visit hy the King to mentation of the accord.

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nalists.

Soldiers also searched and ransacked the Ali Ben Abi Taleh Mosque in the West Bank town of Al Bireb. At the mosque, several copies of

the Koran lay scattered on

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Oman. "Arafat .needs Jordan Israel plans 'security border'

(Continued from page 1) Among those detained was Sheikh Jamal Mansour, a

Sub-Saharan countries remain world's poorest — World Bank

mortality rates, low life expectancy and almost nonexistent spending power mean countries south of the Sahara remain the world's poor relations, a World Bank survey has shown.

The findings, from the hank's 1995 Atlas, also showed that prospects remain gloomy for much of the Afri-

Of 209 countries studied by the hank, 34 have illiteracy rates higher than 50 per cent. 23 of them south of the Sahara. The worst was Burkina Faso on 82 per cent followed by Sierra Leone (79

asked an International Monetary Fund (IMF) and

World Bank team to let it

slowly implement painful

economic reforms to avoid a

social hacklash. diplomatic

and economic sources said

Yemen's central bank gov-ernor and other officials

started annual consultations

with the IMF-World Bank

it will be a suicidal step to

embark on the immediate im-

plementation of the reform

package at once," one diplo-

The package includes abo-lishing subsidies, unifying ex-

change rates, cutting down

overemployment in the gov-

ernment and public sector

and introducing economic

"The government believes

Tuesday.

team Monday.

per cent), Benin (77 per cent), and Guinea and Somalia (both 76 per cent). The only non-African

countries in the bottom ten were Nepal, on 74 per cent, and Afghanistan on 71. Twenty-nine countries reg-

istered infant mortality rates greater than 10 per 100 births, all but four of them south of the Sahara. Worst was Mozambique with 16.2 per cent, then Sierra Leone (14.3 per cent), Liberia (14.2 per cent) and Guinea-Bissau (14 per cent).

At the opposite end of the scale, rates for Sweden, Singapore, Japan and Ireland

talks with IMF, World Bank

prices for water and power

supply, economic sources

"In principal, the govern-

ment is in favour of carrying

out the reforms, but at

stages. A sudden imple-

mentation is likely to trigger

social violence and riots as

backlasb," one economic

The government newspap

er Al Thawra said Tuesday

the talks reviewed financial

developments in 1993 and

1994, when Yemen did not

issue hudgets due to political

Since the merger of north

and south which created Ye-men in 1990, the country has

maintained that a market

economy and privatisation

were pillars of its policy, hut

little has been done, the eco-

instability and civil war.

source said.

Yemen holds crucial reform

stood at 0.5 per cent. Also, 22 out of 24 countries with life expectancies of under 50 years are in sub-Saharan Africa, the Atlas showed. Expectancy was 39 in Guinea-Bissau. 43 in Sierra Leone and Uganda 43, and

44 in Guinea.

Economie figures made equally depressing reading for these countries that provided gross national product statistics, showing that peo-ple in 28 states, 19 of them African, have to live on an average of less than a dollar a

Purchasing power - in-come potential relative to the

They said direct and in-direct subsidies cost Yemen,

one of the poorest Arab

countries, more than \$400

million a year. The Yemeni Chamber of Commerce and

Industry estimated inflation

at 60 per cent and unemploy-

Wages have not risen in

two years while consumer

goods prices rose np to 100

per cent since the civil war

The sources said the IMF-

World Bank team suggested the Yemeni riyal exchange

rate at 50-55 riyals to the

U.S. dollar. At present it

ranges from the official 12

riyals to the dollar to the free

The package envisages

price rises of three to fourfold

for water, power and petrol.

market rate of 84 riyals.

ment at 30 per cent.

ended in July.

Riyal sinks, gold soars in Iran

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tions at the bottom of the

pile. They provided the 13

poorest countries of the

world, all with real spending capacity of less than \$850 per

Prospects are not good

either. The Atlas showed

only six countries where in-

vestment provided less than

10 per cent of gross domestic product. All were African,

namely Burundi (two per

cent), Niger (six per cent), and the Central African Re-

public, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone and Chad all on nine

Kuwait

said to

tax

planners

propose

company

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait's

planning ministry has prop-

osed a sales tax, a tax on

Kuwaiti companies and raising customs fees in one re-

form package designed to curb a large hudget deficit, a

Describing the so-called "rapid reform" plan, Al Watan said the tax system

would apply to commercial

and industrial profits of

Kuwaiti firms at rates starting at 10 per cent in 1996, rising to 21 per cent in 2000 and 30

Kuwait currently does not

tax companies wholly-owned

hy Kuwaitis hut does tax

tion of income tax, which is not levied in Kuwait.

Abdulla Al Rodhan

announced plans last week to

cut a Golf war-inflated short-

fall by a third to one billion dinars "3.34 hillion) in fiscal

The net deficit in 1994/95 is

projected at 1.502 billion di-

Officials bave also said

they want to increase charges

on currently heavily subsi-

dised public services such as

electricity, water and tele-

nars (\$5 billion).

Finance Minister Nasser

per cent in 2005.

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newspaper has reported.

resident per year.

NICOSIA (R) — The Iranian riyal has sunk to new lows and the price of gold coins has soared because of public fears about inflation, dealers and newspapers have said.

London-based Iranian money dealer Ali Pakpour said the dollar rose to about 3.450 rivals on the illegal open market in Tehran, up 15 per cent in a month.

The Iranian Azadi coin, containing 0.235 ounce (6.66 grammes) of 22 carat gold soared to 430,000 rivals (\$125). up 30,000 riyals from Sunday, Iran's news agency IRNA said.

Tehran newspapers blamed public fear of inflation for the rush on dollars and gold coins. "The prices are back in the

fast lane again and speeding to break their own records. High prices are the talks of the town," said the English-language Kayhan Interna-

Recent newspaper reports put annual inflation at 40 to

The daily Salam said the authorities were involved in a "friendly duel" with increasingly active illegal money changers, despite ear-lier tough talk and crack-

Authorised dealers continued to sell up to \$1,000 at the controlled rate of 2,700 riyals per dollar to each passenger travelling abroad, newspapers said.

Yugoslav economic reforms tame inflation, face new hurdles ter. Monthly wages, totalling millions of dinars, were

BELGRADE (R) - Yugoslavia's economic recovery programme, which succeeded in taming one of the world's worst bouts of hyperinflation, marked its first anniversary Tuesday and experts say it has reached a crossroads.

Impending reforms of tax. wage and investment laws designed to move rump Yugoslavia's central market economy towards a capitalist system must succeed if a shift back to the bad old ways is to be

avoided, economists believe. Study groups set up to make recommendations on how best to transform the economy are due to report this month, but political analysts say the reforms face powerful vested interest with no appetite for change.

The government has learned to live with United Nations economic sanctions, imposed on Belgrade for its part in the war in Bosnia, but they still pose a major obstruction to recovery.

The recovery programme bas worked so far despite overwhelming odds but now it has reached its second stage, which could prove to be even more difficult than the first," a Belgrade-hased economic expert told Reu-

On Jan. 24, 1994, when former World Bank expert Dragoslva Avramovic, the new central bank governor, launebed his programme, monthly inflation was 313 million per cent.

"That was a genuine disas-

actually worth five German marks (\$3), monthly pensions less than one mark (70 cents). The situation was desperate," Milovan Zivkovic, head of the Federal Bureau of Statistics, said Monday.

Shops were empty, banks short of cash and public transport had all but colllapsed. Despair drove pensioners to suicide.

Mr. Avramovic pegged the

dinar to the German mark, reined in the printing of money and halted inflation. Critics gave bim three months, but ordinary people hailed him as a saviour.

By controlling the printing

of money, and by mounting a sustained public relations campaign, the avuncular Avramovic has kept the lid on inflation, if not eliminated it completely.

Authorities claim the

annual inflation rate last year was zero. "Our annual inflation rate in 1994 was 0.0 per cent," Mr. Zivkovie said. "Living costs rose by 3.3 per cent, commodity prices rose hy 7.3 per cent hut services dropped by 19 per cent."
Despite the official figures,

the German mark Tuesday was selling on the street for 1.8 dinars. The government has tacitly admitted problems with inflation by announcing a plan to cut many prices to the levels prevailing last sum-

Now, Mr. Avramovic must carry out what amounts to an overhaul of the whole economic sysytem, diplomats say, Instead of a system where social stability is achieved by paying vast trumbers of workers to do nothing, major firms face the prospect of radical restructuring.

Many managers of the formerly communist country's big industrial enterprises are unhappy with austerity programmes that will cut their workforces and reduce their influence.

This will prove to be more difficult because many of the very people on whom this part of the programme hinges for implementation are passionately opposed to it." the Beigrade economic expert This will put Avramovic

at odds with many old-timers among Yugoslav managers who still believe that the state should keep pumping money into the their dinosaur-like enterprises simply to main-tain social security," the expert said. In his push towards a mar-

ket economy, Mr. Avramo-vic's best ally may however be Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who rose to power through the communist hierarchy.
Mr. Milosevic weathered a

series of political storms last year, including cutting off the Bosnian Serbs for failing to accept an international peace plan for Bosnia, largely because of the economic stability provided by Mr. Avramo-

Poland poised for quicker growth, but facing difficult challenges — OECD

first eastern European post communist country to return to growth, should experience accelerating economic expansion over the next two years, hut will face increasingly difficult policy challenges, the OECD bas said.

foreign companies operating here and the profit share of a foreign sbarebolder in a The ministry also suggested increasing customs fees from four per cent in 1995 to a ceiling of 10 per cent in the year 2000 and a sales tax on locally-made goods at the same rate as the bad now brought "impress-The report made no menlarge SOE's profit-oriented, and to raise the return on investment.

port said, would be to maintain high profits and saving rates, while the population "nnderstandahly" demands increased consumption.

that even after debt reduction and rescheduling agreements with both official and commercial creditors, Poland remains "beavily indebted" and needs to maintain rapid export growth and restrain "domestic absorption."

ures for higher consumption, rates over the medium term. high level of self-finance.

Presenting the report, general Salvatore Zecchini said it reflected the OECD's

Kolodko said the private sector now generates 60 per cent of Poland's GDP, and provides jobs for 55 to 57 per cent of the labour force. He said Poland achieved export-led GDP growth in 1994 at a rate of 5.0 per cent.

Mr. Zecchini, putting last year's expansion at "between 4.0 and 5.0 per cent," confirmed that Poland experienced "high" growth last year compared with the rest

of Europe. After contracting sharply in 1990-91, Poland's GDP grew by a total 6.5 per cent in 1992 and 1993, and OECD economists now project a continued pick-up at rates of about 5.0 per cent for this year and 1996.

Stressing that this would require further raising investment from recent modest levels, the report said growth at such a pace should make for a steady fall in recorded unemployment, from 16.5 per cent of the labour force at Consumer price inflation.

inflation levels in 1990 when Poland's Economie Transformation Programme (ETP) was launched, should be down from 35 per cent in 1993 to an average of 27 to 30 per cent for 1994, the report It foresaw a further decel-

eration to a rate of 18 per cent by the end of 1996. Mr. Kolodko shared the OECD's concern about inflation, but said the government was still aiming for a reduction to 17 per cent by the end

ceed 3.0 per cent of GDP this year, which the OECD saw as "high in comparison with what the economy is able to finance."

member of the OECD by mid-1996.

lining for exporters in Mexico MEXICO CITY (AP) - The the free trade pact. crisis that weakened the peso 'Companies that were thinking of going to lowerby more than a third may have scared some investors wage countries are now ducers," he said

nomie sources said,

Devalued peso provides silver

away from Mexico, but it is a windfall for manufacturers and other investors. It is especially good news

for exporters, whose costs fell along with the peso, while their sales on the world market — in dollars, which are now worth more pesos were unaffected. "Anyone manufacturing in

Mexico has been affected positively," said Richard Kiddney, of El Paso, Texashased Quality Manufacturing Services Inc.

The lower peso may make it easier for companies to follow in the footsteps of shoemaker Nike, which is moving its operations from the Far East to Mexico to take advantage of lower tariffs under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) - a goal of

saying, 'hey, mayhe we can go to Mexico'," said Martha Tovar, president of Solunet. which provides market research to companies looking at Mexico. "This might pull com-

panies with marginal operations down to Mexico," Don Nibbe, publisher of the twin plant News Trade Journal. Kenneth Brown, chairman

and chief executive officer of General Electric de Mexico. S.A. de C.V., which makes gas ranges, motors and light fixtures, said the company will have lower labour costs because of the devalued

Mr. Brown says General Electric has been expanding production in Mexico "for some time." but the lower peso will make it cheaper to purchase more local supplies.

"This opens up the possibility of sourcing materials like steel from Mexican pro-

up the value of the peso on Dee. 20 set off a flight of Mexican stocks, which had years.

But investing directly in Mexican industry has become a potentially attractive op-

"Those planning to invest are finding their dollars go 30 per cent further." said Frank Conde with the Dallas. Texas-hased Dean International. "This could actually boost U.S. corporate invest-

ment in Mexico. The surprise drop in local

Mexico's evaporating fore-

ign reserves and abrupt abandonment of policies propping stock investments and made Wall Street suddenly leery of

costs should also boost Mexican exports.

PARIS (AFP) - Poland, the recognition that "Poland has end-1994 to about 15 per cent ficit and the public sector by end-1996. made a great deal of progress in transforming the economy horrowing requirement and in developing a vibrant (PSBR). This must be backed by private enterprise sector." continuing structural re-Polish deputy premier and finance minister Grzegorz

In a survey of the Polish economy, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation development (OECD) paid tribute to successive governments for showing "perseverance" in pursuing economie stabilisation and rapid reforms, noting that this

ive" rewards. But it also stressed that Poland must come to grips with several "problem areas," including bigh inflation, delays in restructuring of state-owned enterprises (50Es) to make them more compentive in a market context pending privatisation. and continuing difficulties in

the hanking and financial market sector The OECD stressed that under its new medium-term stategy for the next stage of transition, Poland must strive for continued progress in sta-bilisation, through "credible"

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OECD assistant secretary

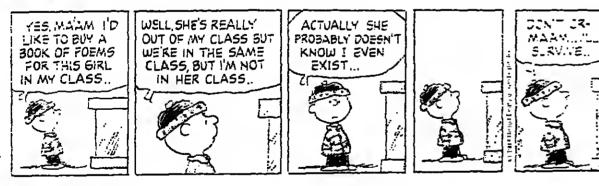
which nearly reached byper-

digit rate" by 1997.

He also said the fiscal budget deficit should not ex-

The report nevertheless said "the way ... seems open for Poland to start down the path of convergence with the OECD area," and Mr. Kolodko said be expected his country to be a fully fledged

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Andy Capp





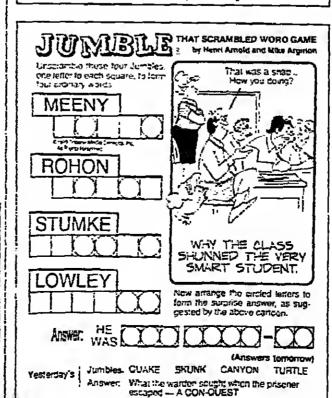


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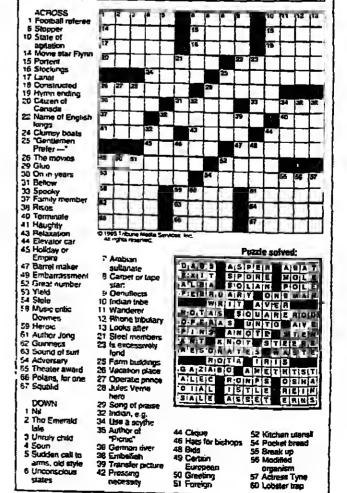


"I've got six hours to watch 30 channels. That comes to 12 minutes per channel per day.



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A review

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Business

from the Arabic press Banker sees no quick recovery at AFM

to The Arab Banking Corporarion (Jordan) General Manager Jawad Hadid does manage of a quick recovery uthe Amman Financial Marlet (AFM) as many of the rasons behind the slowdown are still there. According to Mr. Hadid, lifting of the sactions on Iraq and the Kingdom's eastern neighbour maid revive the stock exdange. However, he noted the rise in interest rates and the banks' switching more to lending than investing is hares and stocks were ke indors weighing negative on the activity at the stock achange (Al Dustour). ## According to Centra Bank Governor Mohammas

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± Workers at the Jord Electric Power Co. are of manding higher pay 2 other fringe benefits such the continuation of the counts on the electricity i of their homes and payme of allowances for carrying risky work (Al Ra'i).

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Taxpayers who pay th 1994 income tax before t end of this month are entit lo a six per cent discou Even making an advar payment can be consider or the discount on condit that the necessary forms presented before April 1 (Al Ra'i).

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> ** Workers at the Jordan Electric Power Co., are demanding higher pay and other fringe benefits such as the continuation of the discounts on the electricity bill of their bomes and payment of allowances for carrying out risky work (Al Ra'i).

** Taxpayers who pay their 1994 income tax before the end of this month are entitled to a six per cent discount. Even making an advance payment can be considered for the discount on condition that the necessary forms be presented before April 1995 (Al Ra'i).

* Studies have been pre-pared to revive the Hijaz railway scheme to connect the Kingdom with all neighbouring countries and bave Jordan as a centre for trains leaving for Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Israel. The studies also aim at turning the Hijaz railway into a tourist attraction. The railway would stretch from Amman to Jizah, in the short-term, and from the north of Jordan to the south, passing through Al Azraq, Qasr Al Mashta, Qatraneh and most of the touristic sites. According to Burhan Shreideh, director general of the Hijaz Railway Corporation, Jordan's main aim at present is to connect the Kingdom by rail with Arab Gulf countries. Dr. Shreideh said it would be a major achievement if Amman-Jerash-Rum and Petra were to be linked by a railway. As for connecting various parts of the capital with a railway service, be said that studies were being finalised in that direction, noting that such a project would cost about JD 120 million (Al

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Dubai's aluminium firm to raise capacity, seeks \$250m loan

DUBAI (R) - Dubai's aluminium company Dubai said it will raise output capacity 52 per cent to 372,600 tonnes per year by yearly 1997 in a \$500 million project partly funded with a loan underwritten by. Merrill Lynch, the company said.

The Dubai statement sent to Reuters said Dubai, which has a current production capacity of 245,000 tunnes per year, would finance the other 50 per cent of the total costs of the project.

Local and foreign banks would participate in the syndicated \$250 million fiveyear loan, which Merrill Lynch would also arrange, the statement said.

Dubai declined in early 1994 to join efforts by other world aluminium producers, including Bahrain's Alba, to restrain output to boost what were at that time sagging-

Prices have since recovered, moving to a 5-34 year high of \$2,170 in London on Friday from \$1,230 in January 1994.

Dubai said at the time that it had already committed to selling all of its 1994 output. Dubai, owned by the Dubai government, produced 242,264 tonnes of primary metal in 1993. Dubai said the project in-

volves construction of a fifth portline with a total capacity of 127,600 tonnes per year. It includes installing two gas turbines each with 110

megawatt capacity to meet expanded electricity needs.

the statement said. Dubai will also construct a second green Anode production line, klin line, casting machine, a casting pit and other technology designed and developed by Comalco of Australia and Dubai

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Crisis looms over spiralling paper prices

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A crisis seems to be looming for school notebooks in Jordan as international prices of paper are going up and local booksellers accuse local manufacturers of trying to raise their prices without government approval.

The Ministry of Supply. which determines prices of notebooks, said it had heard of the problem but had not been approached by any manufacturers with a formal request to raise prices.

Manufacturers assert they are no longer able to produce and market notebooks at the prices set by the Ministry of Supply because raw material costs have gone up dramatically in the last six months. If the situation remained unaddressed, they say, they will be forced to stop produc-

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Caught in-between are parents and schoolcbildren who, more often than not in the past month, bad to pay prices higher than those set by the ministry.

Bookshops say many of them are selling notebooks with no profit at all because of the need to stock the books if only to attract customers who might also be buying something else from the shops.

The only consensus among all is that prices for paper went up by 50 per cent to 80 per cent, particularly Brazilian paper which is widely used to make school workbooks, in the second half of

Awni Adel Yousef, general manager of Al Hilal Company, one of the leading manufacturers in Jordan, said his company was unable to

make any profits. "But we are keeping up our production and marketing tion if only to avert losses.

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our products at the prices set by the government," said Mr. Yousef. "We operate by the philosophy that sometimes you lose, sometimes you

According to Mr. Yousef, whose company buys papers from Brazil, a tonne of paper now costs nearly \$800 compared with \$600 six months ago, but there has been no rise in local prices.

Al Hilal, which produces ruled 32 page and 64-page notebooks, sells the products at the set prices of 55 fils and 92 fils respectively. Mr. Yousef insisted.

However, "this situation cannot continue any longer since we are unable to absorb any more losses," Mr. Yousef told the Jordan

Al Hilal may be an exception to the rule, but several booksellers said manufacturers were insisting on the retail prices printed on the books as

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their wholesale price. A bookseller cited an example. He said that the price set by the ministry for a ruled workbook of 80 pages was

115 fils, but the distributors of the book were insisting that the retailer buys the book at this price. This would mean we, the booksellers, selling the books

either at 115 fils or at a higher price and risk being penalised by the Ministry of Supply, said the bookseller, who did not want to be identified. "Many of us prefer not to

make any profit and remain within the confines of the law, hoping that the very availability of the books with us will attract customers who might buy something else where we can make some profit." he added.

Abdullah Al Geeth, bead of the Department of Studies at the Ministry of Supply, said: "there has been no decision to raise the prices of notebooks and the issue is

The ministry will be ready to discuss the issue "if the manufacturers go through the proper channel and produce their purchase invoices and customs papers to prove their case," the official told the

Jordan Times. "We can then conduct proper studies and review the case for higher prices, but until a formal approach is made nothing can be done in the paper," he said.

In the meantime, parents who wanted notebooks for their children after the recent holiday say that some booksellers were demanding bigh-

"If you look like a customer who might pay a higher price, they (the booksellers) say they have the books but at a price more than set by the ministry," said one pa-rent. "If they think you might make an argument, then they say they do not bave the books at all."

Arms makers eye Middle East market at major defence show

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Major arms manufacturers will market when they display March.

Firms from the United States, Britain, France, Russia and South Africa will make up more than half of about 510 companies due to take part in the March 19-23 ground weapons show in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), organisers said.

submarines.

"The show will be an important opportunity for re-gional countries to see the latest in military industries and for producers to promote their hardware," said an official from the organising committee. "There is no doubt it will include deals but not all of them would be announced."

staging the show in Abu Dhabi, the second in two years. It covers only vessels and ground, weapons, including tanks, as an international air show is held every two years populations.

in nearby Dubai.

vie for a greater share of the growing Middle East military their latest defence wares at an international show here in

The five countries and other participants will also display frigates, destroyers and other vessels at the neighbouring Abu Dhabi Port Zayed but it was not clear if they would include

The show comes as the UAE, Saudi Arabia and other regional states pressed ahead with plans to bolster their defence capabilities fol-lowing the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and Iran's armament plans including the acquisition of Russian sub-

bought by a regional country.
Western nations and their Arab Gulf allies have voiced concern at Iran's growing power and its belligerent statements, criticising the allied naval presence in the Gulf and its island dispute with the UAE.

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During a Gulf tour last week, British Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said Iran's purchase of the Kiloclass submarines could destabilise the oil-rich region but he urged Tebran not to use them against its neighbours. . . .

. The six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has become one of the biggest arms buyers, spending more than \$50 billion on defence after the invasion of Kuwait and plans to spend billions more by 2000.

They have focused on advanced weapons to offset a troop shortage due to their relatively small native

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near that old. When she's competing, she States to work as a coach a year ago. She seems to fly, and in just the three months found she missed the competition, especially she's worked with Boguinskaia, she's picked as she watched the World Championships last up some of the great Olympian's grace and year in Brisbane, Australia.

fourth in the floor exercise at 9.65. Boguinskaia, in the first real competition in 21/2 years, negative influence over the other ones," he won the balance beam at 9.80 and was second in the floor exercise at 9.75.

the head in the floor exercise.

"It's a great influence for the young ones," Karolyi said, "especially for Dominique, who needs exactly what Svetlana offers, expression, the grace, the confidence." Karolvi calls Moceanu "one of the most

talented girls I've had in years. "Most importantly, she's dynamic, outgoing little thing like Mary Lou used to be," he said. "She's laughing. She's crying. She's jumping. She's rolling. She's doing whatever is on her

mind. I love to work with her."

PORTLAND (AP) - One is among the and World Championship golds in 1989 and

"I'm having so much fun, because she's old who could be the sports oext pixie little and I'm so much older," Boguinskaia said. "She can see my experience, but I can Side hy side, with Bela Karolyi as their see how she's a young girl and she's really coach, Svetlana Boguinskaia and Dominique talented. The next Olympics she will be Moceanu are working toward a shared goal, almost 15 and that's good age. I don't want to tell. But I think she can win easily."

Boguinskaia's English is remarkahly good

Moceanu is 1.32-metre tall (4-foot-4) and Boguinskaia's English is remarkahly good weighs 31 kilogrammes (68 pounds). She considering she didn't speak it at all until she turned 13 last September but looks nowhere moved from her native minsk to the United

up some of the great Olympian's grace and style.

"I love to watch her," Moceanu said.
"She's so pretty on her style and so beautiful.
She's really good. I look up to her and copy all of her things."

Although she turns 22 Feb. 9, ancient hy

The two were in Portland to compete at the Reese's International Gymnastic Cup, a relaxed event in which gymnasts compete in costumes to music.

Moceanu won the hars with a 9.75, was second on the halance beam at 9.55 and teams. He had some apprehensions.

Although she turns 22 ref. 9, ancient he wanted to try for another Olympics. She approached Karolyi, whom she knew slightly but had not spoken with in earlier years because of the intense rivalry of the second on the halance beam at 9.55 and teams. He had some apprehensions.

"I really was afraid that she might be a said. "But I tell you, she is the hardestworking, most dedicated person, listening like the Moceanu already has picked up some of young ones. She never says no, never turns Boguinskaia's traits, such dramade turns of her hack, never goofs off. She's an enjoyable. her hack, never goofs off. She's an enjoyable, lovely person to work with."

Karolyi's gymnasts work out for 71/2 hours a day, six days a week at his cluh in Houston. And he's confident Boguinskaia, will compete for her native Belarus at Atlanta: making her the first women's gymnast to participate in

three Olympics. "That would be such an outstanding record," Karolyi said. "I never managed to do it with Nadia. I never managed to do it with

Nobody's talking about another gold.

Boguinskaia looks at Moceanu and remembers herself at that age, before she went on to win Olympic gold medals in 1988 and 1992 sure."

"But she will give some young girls a run for their money," Karolyi said. "That is for win Olympic gold medals in 1988 and 1992 sure."

Racers start world's southernmost road race

MCMURDO STATION. Antarctica (AP) - With sunning seals among the specta-tors, some 200 runners left the starting line in 24-hour summer sunlight for the 4.5mile (7.2-kilometre) Scott's Hut race, the world's southernmost road race.

Bagpiper John Wright, an American construction engineer, signalled the start for the runners, joggers and walkers with a ceremonial Scottish tune. Temperatures were around freezing — halmy weather for McMurdo.

Their dash began in downtown McMurdo, the higge base in Antarctica. in front of the Chapel of the Snows. The Scott's Hut race is the premier sporting event in this American community of some 1,200 scientists and civilian and military support staff in summer. About 250 spend winter at the hase.

About 50 of the runners take it seriously, and at the first landmark and checkpoint, Capt. Robert Scott's 'discovery" Hut about a halfmile from the start, the first two men clocked in at about 2 and one-half minutes.

Weddell seals, lazily sunning themselves on the sea ice about 50 yards (metres) away, harely bothered to turn their heads to glance at the spectacic.

Scott's discovery hut was named for his ship on his first major British Antarctic expedition, in 1901-04. Scott huilt the hut that stands freeze-dried in perpetuity on the edge of McMurdo in January 1902, using it mainly as a storehouse.

Biscuits, dried meat and other provisions are till stacked in the hut from polar expeditions launched earlier this century, preserved and

After looping around the Scott's Hut checkpoint, the runners dashed over the volcanic gravel cinder roads through McMurdo and out of town toward Scott Base, the New Zealand research sta-tion about 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometres l away, turned back at the edge of McMurdo, ran hackto Scott's Hut. and retraced their steps to the start-finish line.

Many competitors walked the course, a pace good enough to qualify them for the T-shirt awarded to all

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Indomitable Lions go hungry

HARARE (AFP) — Cameroon's national football squad, thrashed 4-1 by Zimhahwe in an African Cup Nations qualifier at the weekend, are stranded in Harare without money for food, officials said Tuesday. Zimhahwe Football Association (ZIFA) interim secretary-general Phil Hwata said the Cameroon team had no money to feed themselves until their intended departure on Friday. Under the Confederation of African Football (CAF) rules, the hosts provide food and accommodation for the visitors for five days. Cameroon arrived last Thursday and Tuesday was the last day on which ZIFA was obliged to feed them. "We have advised CAF of the plight of the Cameroonians but the continental body has not been helpful," Hwata said. "We have been advised that the visitors should fend for themselves for the extra days they are staying in Zimhabwe and we do not know what to do with them."

Becker back for Germany

BONN (AFP) - Boris Becker ended a week of suspense when he said Tuesday he would play for Germany in their Davis Cup which against Croada next week. The triple Wimhledon champion denied in a statement the existence of a contract with the German federation worth 3.1 million marks (\$2.07 million) forcing him to turn out for his naoonal team. Becker, a first round loser in the Australian Open, has not played for Germany for three years after helping them win the Cup in successive years in 1988-89. Germany play Goran Ivanisevic's Croatia at Karlsruhe on

Milla's Cameroon club claims transfer fee

YAOUNDE (R) - Cameroon World Cup soccer hero Roger Milla's former club have accused him of cheating them out of a transfer fee when he left for Indonesian side Pelita Jaya. "Roger Milla deceived us," Essomba Eyenga. Tonnerre Kalara Cluh de Yaounde's administrative and financial director said. Cameroon soccer officials said Milla told Tonnerre he was going to Indonesia as a coach, not as a player and obtained a release letter to that effect. Milla. 42, who was brought out of retirement to play for Cameroon in the 1994 World Cup, made his second spectacular foothall comehack last month when he joined Jakarta Club Pelita Jaya and scored three goals in his first

IAAF move to protect Africans from disease

NAIROBI (R) — The International Amateur Athleoc Federation (IAAF) plans to devote some of its annual development hudget to educating African athletes about the danger of infectious diseases. Speaking at the end of a one-week regional course on sports medicine. Bjorn Wangerman from the IAAF's development department said a large amount of the department's hudget would be devoted towards developing athletics in Africa and cam-paigning against disease. He did not specify how much money would be spent. He saids Africa was still most vulnerable to some infectious diseases such as hilharzia. trypanosomiasis, malaria, tuherculosis, hepatitis and

Albert out for rest of season

BRUSSELS (R) — Newcastle's Belgian international defender Philippe Albert will be out for the rest of the season following a successful operation on a serious knee injury sustained in training last month. "The operation was successful." Albert was quoted as saying in the Belgian daily Het Nieuwshlad on Tuesday. "Anyway, the season is over for me so I can work quietly on my recovery. "After half a year I should be virtually fit to play. Just in time for the new season," the 27-year-old World Cup player added. Albert, operated on in Cambridge, England, said he would stay in hospital for five days.

World's top sprinter dashes away from

earthquakes NEW YORK (AP) - Dennis Mitchell is the world's No. 1 sprinter - and he's

also becoming an expert on earthquakes. While the two don't necessarily go together, in Mitch-ell's case they do.

A year ago, he was in California during the terrible quake that rocked the Northridge area, near Los Angeles, where his coach, John Smith, lives. A week ago, he was in Japan during the devastating quake that rattled the Kobe area, resulting in more than 5,000 deaths.

The two quakes were hard-ly comparable, Mitchell said. "That was a little kitty earthquake in Los Angeles, be said Monday via a teleconference call at the Metropolitan Track writers luncheon. The one in Japan was 10 times worse. It lasted for about 40 seconds; it felt like about 40 minutes.

At the time of last week's quake, Mitchell was on a business trip in Osaka, only 22 miles (35-km) east of Kobe. When it struck about 5:30 a.m., Mitchell was sleeping in his hotel room. After it stopped, the

huilding was moving for about another 30 to 40 seconds," Mitchell said. People were in shock."

Mitchell, who was on the 16th floor, quickly went to the room of his husiness manager, Charley Wells, a former sprinter, and said they had to leave the hotel immediately. He also tried to assist other frightened hotel guests in

As he, Wells and the others attempted to escape via an emergency exit, they found the door locked. "We had to read the directions before we could open it and get to the steps," Mitchell

Once at the steps, Mitchell hoped to use his sprinting

"I wanted to get out of there in 16 seconds — one floor a second," he said. "I was about the only one there who bad experience oo earthquakes. I was telliog them what to do. We had to keep moving, hat the pace was slow, hecause the people ere in spock.

Fortunately, no one in the hotel was hurt, Mitchell said, except for those in shock. Mitchell left Japan to return to the United States about 12 hours after the

"I felt I shouldn't have left to quickly because there was so much devastation," he said. "The country's done so much for me, I should have stayed there in time of need."

After these two horrifying experiences, it would appear to be unsafe to travel with Mitchell. He doesn't agree. "It's good to travel with

me." he szid. "I've survived. "When something like this happens, I know what to do." Mitcheli also knows what to do on the track.

He has won two world championship oronze medals and one Olympic hronze medal in the 100-metre dash. He has run the third leg on the two U.S. teams that share the world record of 37.40 seconds for the 400-metre relay. He ran on two other teams that set the relay record previously. And he has twice won the national 100metre championship, including last year, a victory that helped him gain the No. 1 ranking in a controversial choice over Britzin's Linford Christie, the European and Commonwealth' Games champion.

"I couldn't get into the European Championships or the Commonwealth Games." Mitchell said. "In the middle of the season. I was on fire. I was running 9.9s on the track every meet, and Christie was nowhere to be found." When the two did meet,

they split six races. Mitchell will open his season Feb. 3 in the 60-metre dash at the Millrose Games.

In the NBA these days, bad attitude seems the norm

to their coaches and play

hard. But the top-caliber

players among that group are

wondering why some of their

colleagues can't do the same.

"To me, it's wild," said Indiana's Reggie Miller. "I'm from the old school where

players play and coaches

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Magic Johnson ended a 10-

game trial run as the Los

Angeles Lakers' coach last

season by deciding he wanted

no part of coaching. At the ome, he hlasted his players

for a lack of discipline and

effort. Now a minority owner

of the team, he declined com-

ment through his agent, Lon

coach this month, emotional-

ly spent from trying to coax

consistent effort out of a

young and talented team.

Johnson played in the 1980s.

Issel in the '70s, but both had

trouble relating their playing

Denver's Dan Issel quit as

legislated.

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"I know you wouldn't want

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WHEN THE NEW JERSEY NETS were playing in De-troit earlier this month, allstar Derrick Coleman missed a shootaround, one of several he's skipped. Coleman, the National Baskethall Association's highest-paid player whose home is in Detroit, had a ready excuse, though: his 1970 Chevy Nova wouldn't start.

Of course, the NBA has always prided itself on having attitude. But these days, bad attitude is more the norm. More and more, players are feuding with coaches over

playing time, missing practice without permission, taking their requests for trades public and squabbling among themselves. Sometimes they're fined or suspended for their actions, sometimes Just a few recent examples

of players acting out:
- Chicago's Scottie Pip pen, another all-star who last season refused to play the critical final seconds of a playoff game when a play

wasn't called for him, calls his general manager a liar and demands to be traded. Dailas' Roy Tarpley throws a fit when he's taken out of a game, - Seattle's Vincent

Askew, upset with his playing time, refuses to enter a game as directed by his coach. - Minnesota's Isaiah Rider calls a new conference to

lash out at his coach. The season has already seen San Antonio's Dennis Rodman suspended twice for disruptive hehaviour and 1994 rookie of the year Chris Wehber force a trade to get away from Golden State coach Don Nelson, whom he

experience to today's crop of millionaire youngsters. "It's tougher to coach today, because the salaries are dorsement packages makes it harder to reinforce values," said Atlanta Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens. Just as former pros like

Johnson, Issel and Karl find themselves unable to moti-National Basketball Association results and standings after

Monday's games. L.A. Lakers 108, Charlotte 102 Cleveland 90, L.A. Clippers 68 Utab 116, Dallas 111

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French rally champion Didier Aurini in his Toyota Celica at the 63rd Monte Carlo Rally (AFP photo)

Delecour storms into lead in Monte Carlo

MONACO (AFP) - Frenchman Francois Delecour took the lead of the Monte Carlo rally here Tuesday after a sustained burst of attacking.

Driving a Ford Escort, he clawed back Carlos Sainz's 44sec overnight advantage by edge two seconds ahead.

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Even Tommi Makinen, in third overall, lost 23secs in his Mitsuhishi Lancer as the Frenchman hurtled through stage eight.

German Armin Schwarz's hopes evaporated when he lost over seven minutes on stage seven when the suspension of his Toyota failed.

Leading standings

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Didier Auriol (France) Toyota Celica 7. Colis McRae (Britain) Subaru Impreza 8. Bruno Thiry (Belgium) Ford Escort 9. Andrea Aghini (Italy) Mitsubishi Lancer

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A 'DECLARER REVERSAL'

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The term "dammy reversal" sim-taly means you take your ruffs in the long-trump hand, using the holding with the shorter trumps to draw the opponents' longs. With the proliferation of transfer bids, declarer is offen the hand with fewer trumps Here's an example of what could be termed a "declarer reversal." After time making a transfer bid. North described a spade-diamond two-suger, possibly with slam inter-

est. That improved the South hand. After the jump to game, a cue-bid-ding sequence convinced North there would be good play for all the

West led a frump and declarer could count 12 tricks. There were two possible lines to develop a 13th if spades were 3.2. One was to draw Iwo rounds of trumps, then play of three top diamonds. If the diamonds broke 3.3, all was well; or if the defender with the third trump also held diamond length, declarer would be able to ruff a diamond for the fulfilling trick. The other is to use the long-trump hand, in this case dummy, to ruff hearts while declarer's spades serve to draw the enemy's trumps. That depends only on a 3-2 trump split and East not being able to overruff the third round of beauts.

hearts.
Obviously, the latter plan is considerably better. So win the ace of trumps, cash the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. Come to hand with trump to make sure they divide 3-2 and ruff another heart. The ace of diamonds and queen of chube are the entries to ruff a third heart with the entries to run a tunu ment who cur-jack of spades and draw the out-standing trump, on which one of dummy's low diamonds is discarded. With nine tricks in the bank, dummy's king-queen of diamonds and ace-king of clubs take the last four

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RTINA D'AMPEZZO. (AP) — With only a to go to the World ™ Shi Championships in Nevada, coaches and are struggling to prein races still uncertain ase of warm weather. has been an extremely eason for Sierra Neva-Europe's most southern rieson, with rain rather snow falling over the tend. Temperatures haieven been cold enough ate the needed artificial

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Jerry Rice considers retirement if 49ers win Super Bowl Crowd Calls the senough to make San Francischer their vollege neam. Contracts their vollege neam.

Sunday ... Pd like to put on the retirement, I can assure "Chargers coach Bobby Ross said with a smile. Rice, 32, opened the door to an early exit when he answered a question at a news conference Monday about the possibility of re-

> "That might be something to think about," Rice said. "If I think the fire is still inside. I'll cootinue to play. If it's gone, it's time to walk away from the

> The 49ers believe Rice has plenty of fire — and National Football League seasons - remaining. Coach George Seifert, for one, doubts that his perennial pro bowl receiver will

> "That's the first time I've heard any mention of that," Seifert said. "I'd be surprised if that's what he

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Presents: olitical satire last missed a game in 1987. "I feel like a youngster," he said. "If anything, I'm in better shape than when I first came in.

Diminished skills aren't an issue. Rice this season made 112 receptions, the best total of his 10-year career, for 1,499 yards and 13 touchdowns. He broke Jim Brown's NFL record for career touchdowns and was named a Pro Bowl starter for the ninth consecutive time.

In the National Football Conference championship victory over Dallas, Rice made the game's biggest play — a 28-yard touchdowns catch with eight seconds left in the first half. Against the Chargers in

December, be caught 12 passes for 144 yards.
"Jerry Rice is at the top of his game right now," San Diego safety Stanley Richard said. "He can pretty much do what he wants to do. He can play another five or 10 years, if he wants

The Chargers arrived in Florida Monday as 19 point underdogs, the hig-gest spread in football his-

World Alpine Ski Championships

Coaches and athletes struggling

to prepare for alternatives

championships on Thursday.

when FIS makes a decision.

However, she isn't afraid to set her sights on the med-

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though the runs there are

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technical courses," she said.

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sidering their stellar results so

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After winning her second

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Cortina, Street said, "I bope

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Championships), that's all I

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Lindh won the World Cup

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last year and Street predicts

strong results for her team-

The Americans are some

"I know we're going to hear about that all week," coach Bobhy Ross said after the Chargers' charter flight arrived Monday night. "I've never seen one that was decided by the media, yet.

"We honestly think we can win the game. That's why people are huying tickets for it. I told our squad this morning, first and foremost, we're coming down to win this football game."

The Chargers relisb their underdog status, which they've faced several times Linehacker David

Griggs, who used to play the Miami Dolphins, said the Chargers aren't getting the respect they deserve, but understands

why.
"The 49ers won, what,
Four Super bowls, and the Chargers haven't won any. It's our first time here, and for the past 10 years the AFC has gotten stomped. So of course we're going to be the underdogs," Griggs

"But it's motivational for They're, not unbeat-

The Canadians have

already rearranged their

travel plans, delaying their

departure and opting to stay in Cortina until a final deci-

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said Demscher who also

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Australian Open

Sampras downs Courier to keep title hopes alive Chang, Martinez, Pierce progress into semifinals

MELBOURNE (Agencies)

— World No. 1 Pete Sampras extended his extraordinary defence of his Australian Open ritle with an emotional moonlit victory over twice champion Jim Courier at Finders Park Tuesday.

Sampras staged a brilliant comeback from two sets down for the second time in successive matches to clinch a 6-7 6-7 6-3 6-4 6-3 victory over his fellow American in the tournament's most dramatic match for some

The top-seeded Sampras, whose coach Tim Gullikson flew home in the morning after five days in a Mel-bourne bospital, spent much of the final set fighting back tears as the strain of the past week suddenly caught up with him.

Television microphones apparently picked up a spectator shouting "do it for your coach" at the start of the fifth set, while Sampras also received treatment for a foot injury during a contest which lasted one minute short of four hours.

It was past one o'elock in the morning before Sampras was able to nail down his 10th victory in 14 matches against Courier and secure himself a semifinal against another American, Michael Chang, Chang heat an ailing

Andre Medvedev in three tough sets Tuesday at the Australian Open, clinching the third Grand Slam semifinal appearance of his

The 22-year-old American downed Medvedev 7-6 (9-7). 7-5, 6-3 after the Ukrainian was hampered by an injury to his left wrist he suffered during the first set.

Medvedev, seeded 13th. lunged for the hall in the eighth point of the first-set tiehreaker and fell heavily. He was treated several times and the potency of his threat faded as the match progres-

The right-hander appeared to have trouble with his hall toss after the fall and said the wrist felt numb when he hit double-handed backhands.

"It was painful, hut I could play, more or less," said Medvedev. "It took a little while to adjust to the pain, hut it wasn't the reason that I

Chang bas dropped only one set in his first five matches at the open, where be had not previously made it past the third round. "It was an awkward match

a very up-and-down match," Chang said. "In the first two sets a couple of points here and there could bave turned it around." The win took Chang two

hours and 23 minutes. Both men played mainly from the baseline but Medvedev made considerably more errors -31 to his rival's 48.

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"It was confidence booster it was a good match for me to have to hattle," Chang siad. "I feel like I'm in pretty good shape, physically and

Medvedev had his chances to win. He had a set point in the first set and served for the second - but didn't take the

opportunities. Chang, who was treated during the match for what appeared to be a groin strain, wavered briefly in the third

Medvedev came back from 0-5 to 3-5 before dropping his own serve and the match.

Chang's victory ensured at least one American will reach the men's singles finals. The No. 5 seed will now face Sampras. Chang won the 1989

French Open and last made the semis of a slam at the 1992 U.S. Open. Chang said his injury was

"nothing too serious" — but declined to elaborate." "We'll leave it at that," he saaid. "Jim and Pete read the

Mary Pierce earlier overwbelmed Natasha Zvereva in just 62 minutes — advancing to her second Grand Slam

semifinal. Pierce will face No. 2 seed Conchita Martinez of Spain

in the semifinals. Wimbledon champion Martinez moved into her firs: Australian Open semifinal with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win in one hour-41 minutes over 18year-old American Lindsay Davenport, the No. 6 seed, Davenport made 50 unforced errors to just 26 from

Martinez. Pierce, the No. seed from France, hit the ball deep and hard, moving a frustrated Zvereva around the court to

win 6-1, 6-4. Pierce, 20, raced through the first set in just 20 minutes, dropping only the fifth game, and then pulled away form 4-4 in the second set after Zvereva briefly rallied from 2-4.

"In the first set I was pretty happy," Pierce said. "I was very aggressive but I got a hit impatient in the second, made a few mistakes and got upset with myself." Pierce was successful with

84 per cent of her first serves, hit 25 winners to just 11 from No. 8 Zvereva, and won the point 10 of the 12 times she approached the net. "She was extremely confi-

dent, hlasting balls everywhere," Zvereva said. "Everything went in. There was a feeling coming across the net from her. She's pumped up. Pierce was given a time

violation warning on match point as she prepared to serve, but she clinched the point and the match with a hackhand down the line before running to the net with her fist clenched in triumph. "It didn't hother me at

all," Piewrce said. "It was just a warning. Martinez said she was enjoying the experience of playing outdoors after struggling in indoor tournaments during

the second half of 1994. "I'm feeling very confident and playing tennis at the moment," she said. "It's great to be in the semis here for the first time.

count and her inability to counter Martinez's serve ruined her chances of win-

'I don't know what it is about her serve, but I'm going to find out." sbe said. It's a nightmare for me."

The tournament, sponsored by Ford, offers prize money of \$6.2 million and continues through Sunday. Australian Open note-

struggle to add another Grand Slam title to the six be has already, according to the man who sent him packing from the Australian Open tennis championships. 'He's prohably a notch

lower than he was in 1990 when he won the U.S. Open and was number one in the world," said American Aaron Krickstein, who beat Edberg in the fourth round.

"It's going to be tougher for him (to win a Grand Slam). He's not getting any younger, just like myself, so there's not too many left. He hasn't done too well over the last five or six grand slam

"But he's always capable of raising his game. He was a point or two away from beating me. But again, I don't know if he can beat an Agassi, Sampras or Courier. Those guys are pretty tough.

"I still think he's a top 10 players, but whether he's a top five or top three guy I don't know. "Twenty-nine isn't over

the hill, hy any means, hut I think it's going to be more officult for him the more he plays. He doesn't have many years left, I don't think."

☆ Todd's tip: Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov is displaying the type of form needed to win his first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open — so says American Todd Martin. The eight-seeded Martin

was on the end of a fourth-. round 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 rout by Kafelnikov and walked away impressed. "I don't see why he

shouldn't he able to win a tournament like this one," said Martin. "I think he's a

But Kafelnikov, 20, the tenth seed, faces a big task in his next match, facing U.S. Open winner Andre Agassi in his quarterfinal.

* New positive: John Newcomhe, winner of seven singles and 17 doubles Grand Slam ritles, sees positive signs for tennis coming out early in

"I think it's all starting to happen, Newcombe said. Tennis has really taken a sock in the guts for the last two years, and deservedly so. But the players have realised that you can't keep picking the leaves off the branches...you you've got to put

some water on the roots." "That's what happened durign the 80s. Everybody took. I think that was the



Natasha Zvereva of Belarus wears sunglasses during her match at the Australian Open (AFP photo)

Newcombe, captain of Australia's Davis Cup team, says he instructed his charges last year to he more understanding of the public's perception of the sport. And he's seen the increased crowds at this year's tournament, almost fanatical support by some young teens for Australia's top-ranked player, Patrick Rafter, and the emergence of

a number of new players making their marks early this # TV a hit: Tournament

organisers said Monday night's fourth-round match between Andre Agassi and Australian star Pat Rafter attracted the biggest prime-time ratings in the history of Australia's Channel Seven tennis coverage.

Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said Channel Seven peaked at 39 - 39 per cent of all television sets that were on tuned to the match - in Melbourne, 31 in Adelaide, 27 in Sydney, 26 in Brisbane and 24 in Perth.

Pollard said that about 500 million people throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and North America were tuning in to the tournament, which is broadcast in 11 languages.

☆ Dances a jig: Natasha Zvereva didn't have a lot to celebrate during her 6-1, 6-4 loss to Mary Pierce in the Australian Open quarterfinals on Tuesday. So when she hit her first hackhand winnewr in the match during the second set, she did a celebratory dance that she claims to

have perfected on the disco floor. "I got so excited," said Zvereva. "That's the way I am. Sometimes I get this huge rush of adrenalin in my hlood and I get totally whacko."

part in the boys and girls unior singles competitions at the Australian Open. Australia leads the way in the entries with a total of 55

competitors, made up of 29 girls and 26 boys.

The United States has eight in all, split evenly between the two competitions. Japan has seven players, while Germany, Hungary and New Zealand have six representatives.

Lefties struggle: Nolefthander has won the men's championship or even reached the final at the Australian Open since the tournament was switched to Flinders Park in 1988.

The last lefthander to win was Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, who won in 1978-79 when the Open was bing staged at Kooyong.

* Taking no chances: Australia's Davis Cup team is trying to simulate Durhanlike conditions as the team prepares to play South Africa from Feb. 2-5. Davis Cup coach Tony Roche and captain John Newcombe have imported from South Africa a number of "heavy" balls that will be used on the hard courts of Westridge Park.

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The International Ski Fedcration (FIS) said it would announce its final verdict on Jan. 26, only three days before the opening ceremonies DIANA. TOURS are to be held.
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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO,

Italy (AP) - With only a

week to go to the World Alpine Ski Championships in

Sierra Nevada, coaches and

athletes are struggling to pre-

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It has been an extremely

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not much snow and outside the course there are only rocks to slide into," said .Canada's Kate Pace, the de-

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Organisers have postponed

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tracks to train on. Some athletes, such as twotime Olympic champion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, may be forced to return home to practice on snow-covered slopes in between the different events that are spread out over a two week period. "Either I decide it is possi-

ble to train, or if I see no chance I'll keep them in Europe until the 27th," said Demschar. For the American women

AM YA SALAH Seans passing up a three day break at the beach on Spain's sunny coast. Germany's Katja Seizinger who leads the World Cup overall standings said she would only think about the

waiting out the decision

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Paris, new EU president, will no longer accept 'marginalised role —ambassador

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — The European Union (EU) is no longer content with a secondary role in the Middle East peace process and would strive for direct involvement in Arabmic clont to achieve its objec-Israeli peace negotiations, the French ambassador to

Jordan said Tuesday.

Ambassador Bernard Bainlet also condemned Sunday's suicide bombings in Israel that killed at least 19 people and said extremism would not have any impact at least on the EU's commitment to supporting the peace process and extending financial assistance to help develop the Palestinian cco-

Mr. Bajolet was addressing a press conference marking the French assumption of the rolating presidency of the EU with effect from Jan. 1.

During the next six mnnths, France would try to bring about "fundamental changes" in the EU's institutinns as well as the bloc's apprnach to global political issues in a way that would reflect the Union's weight as accounting for 45 per cent of the world's trade, the ambas-

KOBE (Agencies) — A week

after Kobe was devastated by

an earthquake, the cabinet

declared the once vibrant city

a diaster zone Tuesday, effec-

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Prime Minister Tomiichi

Murayama for its slow re-

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Akira Kuroyanagi screamed

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One week after the quake,

the death toll stood at 5.063

with 68 still missing. Another

26,500 people were injured and at least 56,000 huildings

damaged or destroyed in the

Jan. 17 earthquake. which had a magnitude of 7.2.

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unveiled a series of tax

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Opposition lawmakers

huilding costs.

While Mr. Bajolet did not spell out the exact means through which the EU sought a high-profile role in the hitherto U.S.-dominated bilateral negotiations between Arabs and Israel, his com-ments indicated that the Union would employ its econo-

Mr. Bajolet complained that the EU's role "has been marginalised despite the fact that we pursued" the peace "with vigour" ever since the international conference launched Arah-Israeli peace talks in Madrid in September 1991.
"We cannot accept it any

longer... we no longer agree to be the cashier of the peace process," he said. "All par-ties of the (Middle East) region are aware of the poten-tially strong (political) role that the EU could play and all are calling for a stronger EU role in the peace pro-

However, the EU approach was not at variance with or contradictory to the American handling of the peace process, he said. "We are not criticising the U.S., he stressed. "Despite our differences in viewpoints and

Kobe declared disaster

surance payments will have

to pay no income tax for

1994, the ministry said Tues-

The Health Ministry re-

laxed restrictions on fureign

doctors who have volun-

teered their services. The

ministry said foreign doctors

will be allowed to treat quake

victims even though they lack Japanese medical licenses.

After earmarking a hun-dred hillion yen (\$4 billion)

from a contingency fund last

week, the government for-

mally declared the region a

disaster area on Tuesday,

opening the way for special

low-interest reconstruction

tackling the aftermath of the

disaster — now being called

the Great Hanshin earth-

quake - began to show, with

the suspected death hy

suicide of an official strug-

gling to restore the city's wa-

ter supplies. Police said Takashi Naka-

nishi. 37, a water supply con-

trol official, was found dead

Monday morning outside his

office in central Kobe,

apparently after leaping from

the fourth floor of the huild-

ing.
"We don't know yet if it

was a suicide or accident. But

it is true that we have been

under growing stress and ten-

area; tax cuts offered

lieve that our approach will be complementary to that of the United States

The amhassador indicated that the EU was getting impatient with the U.S.hrokered but deadlocked Syrian and Lebanese negotiations with Israel and said the EU stood solidly behind its stand that Israel should withdraw completely from Syria's Golan Heights in return for full normalisation of relations" between Syria and

Similarly, the EU also believed that "any peace settlement should not he at the expense of Lebanon's sovercignty, independence and democracy," said the ambassador.

He said France was coordinating with Germany, its predecessor as EU president. and Spain as well as Italy, the two countries which would consecurively take over the EU presidency after France. in its efforts to revamp the

The European Union fully supports the autonomy accord signed between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the

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hureau spokesman Koji Nagase. We have called on

the staff to keep their calm."

ded their first week, traffic returned to repaired roads in

this international port city.

centre, nestling beneath the

Rnkko mountains, reverber-

ated as buses resumed ser-

vices on 50 of the city's 77

routes to make up for rail-

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ruins, dodging streets with cracked surfaces and heaps of

dehris and those threatened

hy tilted huildings.
Rescue teams, beefed up

hy British and French special-

ists and U.S. doctors, failed

fall Tuesday. The death toll

stood at 5,063 and 68 still

listed as missing.
The National Police Agen-

cy added that 26,284 people had been injured and 56,243

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restored to more than 40 per

cent of Kohe's 650,000

households after strenuous

repair work and almost all

the houses which survived the

But patience was running out among some 230,000 peo-ple still sheltered at Kobe

schools and public halls amid

a fluc epidemic fanned by

quake have electricity.

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The traffic into the city

As clean-up operations en-



By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The government of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker will today seek a vote of confidence from the Lower House of Parliament on the basis of a policy statement that is expected to stress the advantages of the Oct. 26 peace treaty with Israel and reiterate the cahinet's commitment to political, social, administrative and economic reform.

Indications are that the government will emerge from the confidence session, expected to begin Saturday, with a strong parliamentary mandate though it will be subjected to tough criticism from opposition depunes.

Observers say the govern-ment will secure 54 to 56 vntes of confidence in the 80-member house since it has the support of most members of four parliamentary blocks as well as the majority of independent lawmakers.

Withholding confidence will be the 17-member Isla-mic Action Front, the only hloc excluded from the govemment, and leftist deputies Bassam Haddadin (Zarqa). Khalil Haddadin (Amman) Mustafa Shneikat (Balga). Toujan Faisal (Amman) as well as Deputy Talal Obeidat (Irbid).

The IAF members will vote against the government because one of the Cabinet's major tasks is the implementation of the peace treatv. which they oppose on ideological grounds, according to IAF officials. The Islamists will also oppose the government because it 'ignored" them in the consultations over the formation of the cabinet earlier this

Bassam Haddadin said the leftist lawmakers oppose the government because it is a 'uni-colour" cabinet which will not be able to carry ont the tasks outlined for it in His Majesty King Hussein's letter

of designation to Sharif Zeid. Along with Mr. Obeidat, the leftist lawmakers will cast a no-confidence vote in the government also hecause they believe the peace treaty falls short of achieving the Kingdom's rights recognised y international laws and Ú.N. resolutions.

Joining the opposition deputies in criticising the govemment will be lawmakers who are unhappy with their exclusion from the ministerial

Ahmad Qudah (Ajloun) highlighted this unhappiness among such deputies in a recent speech when he subjected the government to the harshest criticism yet for not having Ajloun (50 kilometres north of Amman) represented in the cahinet.

Parliamentary sources said Dr. Qudah could be joined hy two to three deputies in withholding confidence from the government in an expression of discontent about keeping them or their consti-Observers expect the confi-

dence session to last from two to three days, saying that the majority of deputics will make speeches in support of or against the government. House Speaker Sa'd Havel

Srour was quoted by the Al Rai daily on Tuesday as urging parliamentary blocs to each deliver a coordinated speech on behalf of its members. He also urged lawmakers to he hrief in their speeches so as to save time Brotherhood bloc.

But lawmakers are not expected to heed the call. Opposition members will use the opportunity to air their views about the peace treaty and alleged encroachment on their freedom of expression. Through their parliamentary platform, those lawmakers are expected to subject the government to harsh criticism an effort to have their message reach the public.

But supporters of the government will not allow the opposition to have a field day. Therefore, they too will liver speeches to counter the opposition's allegations and defend the government's position, especially on the peace treaty whose advan-tages they will try to spell

Moreover, deputies have developed a tradition of making speeches on important occasions such as confidence votes and the discussions of the draft hudgets. Few expect lawmakers to break away from this tradition, especially because it receives substantial television coverage which many deputies often utilise electioneering purposes and stating the concerns of their constituencies.

The government. the prime minister, will respond to the deputies' comments before the vote of confidence is cast and the cahinet of Sharif Zeid is expected to emerge with the second largest vote of confidence among the five governments that took office since the parliamentary elections of 1989 - the largest being that of the 1989 government of Mudar Badran who then secured the confidence of the then-23 strong Muslim

Senate refers draft law to council

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate), on Tuesday decided to send the 1994 public administration draft law to the Higher Council for Interpretation of the Constitution to verify whether some of its articles which drew controversy between the Senate and the Lower House were constitutional or not.

The Senate had returned the draft law to the Lower House which in turn insisted on its earlier decision to amend parts of it.

The source of controversy in the law is derived from a clause that gives the Council of Ministers the right to empower the prime minister or some of its members the powers of the full cabinet. The Senate's Law Committee raised four questions ab-

out the issue: — Is it constitutional to issue a legislation giving the cabinet the right to give any of its administrative powers to the prime minister or some of its members?

- Is it constitutional to issue a legislation giving the prime minister the right to give any of his administrative powers to his deputy or any other minister?

If the authorisation in the above question is allowed, should it take place by a law or a regulation hased on the provisions of the Constitution?

— Do the provisions of the Constitution allow the issuance of a law or a regulation giving the deputy prime minister the powers of the prime minister in his absence ahroad?

While the Lower House approves giving these powers to the prime minister and deputy prime minister, the Senate rejects it.
Thus the Senate's Law

Committee recommended that the draft be referred to the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution after 25 out of 33 senators attending the meeting approved the motion. Opposition to the motion

was spearheaded by senators Mudar Badran, Thougan Al Hindawi and Maan Ahu Nuwar, who said the aim of the empowerment was to rethe cabinet and the prime minister.

The Senate, which was meeting under the chairmanship of its Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi in the presence of Deputy Prime Minis-ter Khaled Karaki, approved two draft laws on military and civil service pension as they were referred to it hy the Lower House.

In order to become laws, the two drafts should be endorsed hy His Majesty King Hussein.

Canadian regiment closed after racist incidents

OTTAWA (AFP) - De fence Minister David Col lenette said Monday he was ordering the dishandment of the elite Canadian Airborne Regiment, following video tapes showing its members to be racist. Mr. Collenette made the announcement following the publication of video tapes taken of Air. borne troops making racis remarks in Somalia where they served as U.N. peacekeepers. The Somali tapes also showed a hazing incident in which recruits were forced to eat human faces, vomit and prine drenched hread. Members of the Airborne — once considered the elite of the Canadian military - were heard making references to Somalia

as "niggers and nig-nogs." The Airborne, a regiment comprised of elite fighters from other Canadian regiments, has been a key part of virtually every Canadian U.N. pcacekeeping mission. It was due to take nver the next Canadian rotation of peacekeepers in Bosnia in

Report: medics can keep Deng alive for 3 to 4 months

HONG KONG (AP) - Doc tors assigned to treat Deng Xiaoping around the clock believe they can keep the Chinese senior leader alive for "at least three to four months," a Hong Kong daily said Tuesday. The Beijing has Nation and preserving hased team of more than 20 a denity during the meetspecialists in Chinese and as with Syrian Vice-Western medicine was earlier hesident Ahdul Halim this month renamed as Baddam and ruling Baath "emergency rescue group," any Deputy Secretary the English-language South ceral Abdullah Ahmar. China Morning Post quoted by expressed "support for sources in Beijing as saying I topolicy followed by Syria' Despite Chinese government stalled for increasing con-assurances that Mr. Deng is zawith the Baath to "coorgenerally healthy for a man taxe efforts to foil schemes of 90, speculation about his ised at weakening the condition intensified last labs by imposing solutions week after Hong Kong news- imurable to Israel," SANA papers reported that he rereports came after Mr. Esive Front, the Baath Deng's daughter, Deng Rong, was quoted as saying that her father, who led China throngh more than a decade of huge social and economic change, can no longer stand and that his health is

deteriorating hy'the day. Fergie back under **Prince Andrew's** roof

LONDON (R) - Prince Andrew's estranged wife, Sarah, has moved hack temporarily into his house with their two young daughters. Britain's Sun newspaper reported. But the tabloid said the royal couple would have separate bedrooms and there was "no chance" of a reconciliation. Fergie, as she is popularly known from her maiden name, Ferguson, was staying with Andrew while decorators prepared her new eight-hedroom home, the Sun said. She and Andrew separated in May, 1992.

Prince Charles's valet laid out

LONDON (R) - Prince Charles' personal valet resigned in disgrace after being accused of telling a mass circulation newspaper secrets of the royal heir's lovelife. Ken Stronach, at the centre of the latest "serve and tell" scandal to hit Britain's beleaguered royal family, quit after admitting "gross mis-conduct," the prince's lawyers said. Mr. Stronach, who was reported to have received a six-figure sum for his revelations, confessed to taking sneak photographs of the prince's bedroom but denied leaking racy details of the prince's love life to the mass-circulation News of the World last week.

Former Philippine leader sets price in family feud

MANILA (R) — Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino will reconcile with her daughter Kris only if the young woman drops the man who got her pregnant, a family source said Tuesday. The family source, who asked not? to be identified, was commenting on Ms. Kris's tearful appearance Monday night on national television when she apologised for causing a family scandal.

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bvisit Jerusalem

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's anti, the spiritual leader of the Sunni muslims, said Wednesday he would accept la Israeli invitation to visit msalem despite an Arah orton of official contacts the city's Israeli occupaon authorities. Sheikh Johanmad Savyed Tantawi ad: "I will welcome any saeli invitation to visit Jerualem, since openness and the to-face contacts are the est ways to gain our rights."
The musti told the weekly Al hissawar he had not reaved such an invitation, but believed in the approach former Egyptian President Juwar Sadat "who visited his nemy going there in a posion of sirength and not

FIS leader backs opposition plan

PARIS (R) — A detained Algerian Muslim fun-ignentalist leader has hackdiscontainst leader has hacked an opposition plan to end three years of bloody civil while pledging to keep the fight against the government. In a letter smuggled to the French doily. Liberato the French daily Liberaton house arrest in Algeria and published on Wednesay. Ali Belhadi said the so-called Rome platform avided for 'a just and beginnate solution of the cri-The plan, calling for alternational governhent leading to democratic ome earlier this month by nan opposition parties at won nearly 85 per cent of tote in an aborted general election, including Mr. Fish.

Moghrabi to succeed Abourezk at ADC

MAN (J.T.) — After 15
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income after discounting insion." said city waterworks Russians still unable to take Grozny as resistance continues

Lightly armed Chechen separatists tried to hold their positions in their capital on Tuesday, carrying out hit-and-run attacks on the Russian forces that continue to hammer them with artillery. Chechen leader Dzhokhar

Dudayev, in an interview on Echo Moskva radio on Tuesday, said he was in the ruined city and that it resembles "a layer cake." with Chechen and Russian forces overlap-Russian officials, however.

say Chechen resistance in the city has "noticeably weakened. From their forward posi-

tions near Grozny's railway station, the Russians let loose an all-night barrage on the southern part of the city with artillery, mine launchers and

"I wish I had a sniper's rifle." said one rebel fighter, Magomet Abdulgapov. after sneaking hehind Russian lines to harass enemy positions.

"I could have cracked them in the nose." The hattle for Grozny has been raging since New Year's Eve. Thousands of people

have been killed. The Chechens, who want independence from Moscow. are mainly holding positions south of the Sunzha River. Southwest of Grozny, a bridge over the Nethoi River

was blown up overnight near

Shaami-Yurt, 25 kilometres

from the capital.

And Russian helicopter gunships missed another bridge near the Nethoi, near Kartar-Yurt, 32 kilometres southwest of Grozny, hitting a mosque and several houses on the riverbank instead. lrate villagers said there were

no injuries. A group of Russian soldiers' mothers tried for a third time to make it into Grozny in hopes of retrieving their PoW sons. They got to southern Grozny on Monday hut had to turn back because of an artillery bomhardment. Some Russian soldiers have been returned, hut Mr.

should not do so unless a ceasefire is signed. "There's a war going on." he said. "We're not a peace

Dudayey said his fighters

organisation. Mr. Dudayev said his own son. Avlur, had been killed hut that he had more to think about than that.

"In Chechenya, lots of sons were killed, and thinking about it breaks my heart," he told Echo Mos-

"My heart breaks for those homeless and destitute whom I couldn't defend." At least half of the 10,000 Chechen civilians trapped in

Grozny will be evacuated in

an emergency operation that

is already underway, an in-

ternational relief agency said.

said the number of Chechen refugees who have fled east to Dagestan is now estimated at 42,000 — far higher than the earlier estimate of 30,000.

"Current estimates suggest there are as many as 10,000 vulnerable people trapped in the city, mostly women and children, of which 5.000 are in a precarious situation." the International Organisation for Migration (10M) said in a statement.

"It is these people that IOM is trying to assist first, as many have made known their desire to be evacuated." it

Twenty-two people (13 women and nine children) were brought out of Grozny in a mini-hus at the weekend and taken to neighbouring Ingushetia, already home to some 100.000 desperate Chechens, IOM said.

The first evacuees had heen in hiding for three weeks in sub-zero temperatures, the Geneva-hased group said. They included a woman wounded by shrapnel and her 18-year-old daughter, dazed and in shock, who

were taken to hospital.
IOM, which arranges the movement of refugees and migrants, said it planned to evacuate Grozny civilians ion a regular hasis, "moving as many as 75 to 200 persons daily provided the present security situation prevails."

Half of Israelis want to halt peace talks

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Fifty per cent of Israelis want the government to suspend peace negotiations with the Palestinians following Sunday's bombing which left 19 people dead, according to a poll published Tuesday. The survey in the Maariy newspaper found 37 per cent in favour of continuing the talks, in line with the policy of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Thirteen per cent voiced no opinia. The poli was taken Monday among 516 Jewish Israelis and has an error margin of 4.5 per cent. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged Monday to forge ahead with the peace process to achieve a complete separation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Tantawi throws doubt on Arab-Israell peace

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's mufti, one of the country's highest religious authorities, voiced doubt Tuesday over the prospects of Arab-Israeli peace amid a row with Israel over nuclear weapons. "I do not see reconciliation with someone who wants to harm us." said Sheikh Mohammad Sayved Tantawi in an interview with the Islamic opposition newspaper A! Shaab. "Reconciliation is only made with a party which does not do us wrong," the governmentappointed mufti replied to a question about the prospects of Middle East peace. Egypt says it will not sign a renewal of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) due in April unless Israel also joins up. Cairo reacted angrily to an Israeli foreign ministry report, leaked to the press, which urged retalizatory measures against Egypt for its "negarive" attitude to the Jewish state. "The Israeli threats to punish Egypt are not fit for anything but the rubbish bin, as Foreign Minister Amr Musa has said." Sheikh Tantawi told Al Shaab. "For our part we must propare to punish those who want to attack us," he added.

Bomb hoax at El Al office in Prague

PRAGUE (AFP - Police on Tuesday evacuated the Progue offices of israel's El Ar arrines following a bomb hoax. CTK agency said. Police cleared the Wenceslas Square area after an anonymous telephone caller warned of a bomb and a passerby alerted them to a suspicious ticking sound coming from a car parked in the square in front of the El Al offices. Bomb experts at the scene said a faulty car alarm was the source of the scare. The El Al offfice has received several fake bomh threats in the past month, the news agency saio.

Lebanon refused visas to Arab politicians

BEIRUT (R) - Five members of parliament (MPs) have asked the Lehanese government why it did not grant visas to several Arab nationalist and Islamic politicians to attend a meeting in Beirut this month, a parliamentarian said on Tuesday. Issam Naaman, one of the MPs, told Reuters police referred the visa applications for the Jan. 10-12 meening to Interior Minister Michel Al Murr, who did not respond. He said the five MPs, who include former Interior Minister Beshara Merhej who was replaced by Mr. Murr last year, had written to the government asking for an explanation. Among politicians who did not recei e visas were former Algerian Prime Minister Abdul He.nid Al Mehni, Jordanian MP and ex-Minister Ishaq Al Farhan. Rashid Al Ghannoushi, London-based head of the Tunisian Renaissance movement, and exiled Moroccan opposition leader Mohammad Al Basri, Mr. Naaman said. They wanted to attend a meeting of the follow-up committee of the Arah Nationalist-Islamic conference in Beirut.

Turkey recovers smuggled antique

ANKARA (R) - Turkey has recovered from a New York art gallery an annique marble head smuggled ahroad in 1993, state radio said on Tuesday. The priceless piece dating from 50 B.C. was stolen from Aphrodisias, an ancient Roman city and one of the most important schools of architecture of its time, now in Turkey's western province of Aydin. The head appeared on display at New York's Turkish-owned Fortune Fine Arts Museum last September, the Hurriyet daily said. It was returned to Turkish Culture Minister Timurcin Savas on Monday by U.S. officials in New York, the radio said.

Kuwait happy Republicans dominate Senate

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Saud Al Sahah said in remarks published on Tuesday he expected Republican dominance of the U.S. Senate to improve Washington's commitment to the emirate's security. "The changes that have affected the U.S. Congress and the Republicans' control over it, I imagine, is in our interest." Al Watan newspaper quoted Sheikh Saud as saving in an interview. "The arrival of the Republicans (as the Senate majority) will entrench the position of the United States in defending Kuwait and standing by it. This is a clear message for all," said Sheikh Saud, who spent a decade as amhassador to Washington.

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